

LAKE LANIER ASSOCIATION

Annual Membership Meeting



May 24, 2012

Gainesville State College

Oakwood, Georgia

Committed to a clean and full Lake Lanier to enhance its economic value to Georgia.

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The Lake Lanier Association

Founded in 1966, the Lake Lanier Association is committed to a clean and full Lake Lanier to enhance its economic value to Georgia.

Our members' generous support allows the association to work to protect and preserve Lake Lanier by:

Working to improve water quality and quantity

- Participating in dialogs with all regulators responsible for various aspects of the lake and statewide issues and policy affecting water
- Promoting public awareness of the importance of Lake Lanier to Georgia's quality of life as a major source of drinking water, a recreational destination and the economic engine created by recreation
- Informing the public of issues affecting the lake
- Organizing and managing programs and initiatives within the scope of the association's mission



Annual Membership Meeting

May 24, 2014

Gainesville State College

6:00PM

Agenda

- Welcome
 - Val Perry, Executive Vice President
- Business Meeting and Year In Review
 - Val Perry
- Key Note Speaker
 - Lt. Governor Casey Cagle
- Guest Speakers
 - Frank Norton, Norton Realty
 - Tim Rainey, U.S. Corps of Engineers
- Adjourn



Board of Directors

Officers

- Jackie Joseph, President
- Val Perry, Executive Vice President
- Gordon Brand, Vice President
- Paul Flood, Vice President
- Wilton Rooks, Vice President
- Roger Bauer, Secretary

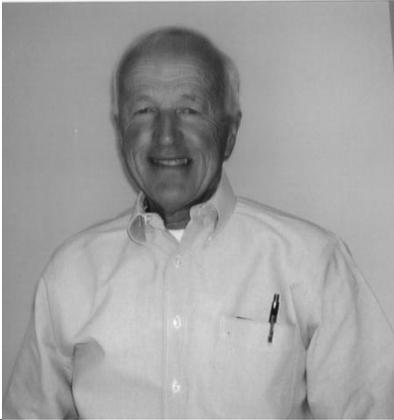
Directors

- Ron Coleman
- George Daniel
- John Heard
- Patsy Kilmartin
- Bev Nicholls
- John Richardson
- Gary Smith



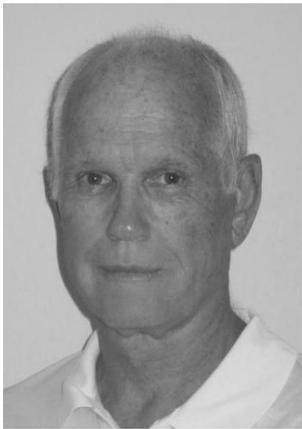
OFFICERS	
	<p>Jackie Joseph, President</p> <p>Jackie has lived in Buford since 1964 and on Lake Lanier since 1978. Jackie and her late husband left Florida following college and marriage. He served in the U.S. Army for two years with assignments in South Carolina, New York and Kentucky.</p> <p>They moved to Georgia following the purchase of an AM radio station. An FM facility was added in 1970 and both were operated until the sale in 2003.</p> <p>Jackie has two married children and five grandchildren. Her daughter resides in Clermont and her son resides in Dacula. The five grandchildren love their visits to Lake Lanier.</p>
	<p>Val Perry, Executive Vice President</p> <p>Val is originally from Garden City, Long Island, and he and his wife, Sharon, have lived on Lake Lanier for 22 years. Val has a BA in Industrial Management from John Hopkins and worked as a sales and marketing executive with IBM for 27 years before becoming a senior vice president of Equifax 1988.</p> <p>Val and Sharon have 5 children and 8 grandchildren. Val enjoys sailing and recreating on Lake Lanier, particularly with his grandchildren. He is dedicated to preserving the quality and quantity of Lake Lanier's water.</p>





Gordon Brand, Vice President

Gordon and his wife, Jeanette, live in Dawson County on the shores of Lake Lanier. Gordon is the president and owner of Industrial Floor Coating, Inc. He is originally from Minnesota and graduated from the University of Minnesota in Duluth. His hobbies include travel, hiking, fishing, gardening and the arts. Gordon is an active member of the Dawson County community.



Wilton Rooks, Vice President

Wilton is a native Georgian who graduated from Georgia Tech with a Masters in Aerospace Engineering. After working in the Apollo program as propulsion engineer he focused on the computer industry where he was active in systems design, development, consulting, sales, and executive management. He was a member of Leadership Atlanta 1970 class and has been active in numerous citizen organizations including Scenic America, Scenic Florida and Scenic Georgia. He now lives on Lake Lanier with his wife, Diane.





Paul Flood, Vice President

Paul is an Atlanta native and a Georgia Tech Alumnus. He and his wife, June, owned a vacation home on Lake Lanier from 1973 until 1993; when they moved to the lake fulltime.

Paul is Chairman and CEO of Chattahoochee Health Resources, a management consultant business in the healthcare industry engaged in strategic planning, CEO and executive performance evaluation, as well as executive compensation analysis, for large not-for-profit public and private hospitals.

Paul and June have a son and two grandchildren. Paul is committed to the Association's mission of preserving the lake and the economic development of North Georgia.



Roger Bauer, Secretary

Roger is a resident of Cumming and has lived on Lake Lanier with his wife, Peggy, since 1984. They have two grown daughters, Jennie and Julie.

Roger graduated from Mercer University School of Law in Macon, Georgia, with a Juris Doctor degree, and he received his BS in Psychology in Iowa State University. He maintains his private law practice in Buford concentrating in wills, trusts, estates and probates. Roger also serves part-time as Magistrate Court Judge in Forsyth County.



DIRECTORS	
	<p>Ron Coleman</p> <p>Ron is originally from upstate New York, where he obtained a BS degree at Cortland State, and MA degree from Northeastern Univ., Boston. He spent 10 years in mgmt. with Procter and Gamble and 30 years as VP of Empire Distributors in Atlanta, Ga. He currently has a consulting firm that works within the beverage industry. He and his wife Andrea recently moved to the Lake and are grateful that their three sons all live in the Atlanta area where they can enjoy family activities on the Lake.</p>
	<p>George Daniel</p> <p>George is from Georgia and has retired from a legal and real estate career. He has both a BSA and MSA from the University of Georgia and a Juris Doctor from Woodrow Wilson College of Law.</p> <p>George volunteered for Lake Lanier Association events in 2008 before joining the board in 2009. He and his wife, Alice, divide their time between their home in Atlanta and their lake house in Dawsonville.</p>





John Heard

After practicing architecture for over 30 years, John was elected to the Georgia General Assembly in 2002 as the State Representative from District 104. He served through 2008 and was Chairman of the House Appropriations Special Projects Committee. Most recently, John was elected to the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners.



Patsy Kilmartin

Patsy spent her career in the telecommunications industry as a consultant to international telecom companies, contract manager with Lucent Technologies, manager of a fraud department with AT&T and various other management jobs with BellSouth. She attended law school at Georgia State University and was admitted to the Georgia Bar in 1991.

Patsy, her husband and daughter moved to the Gainesville area in 2001. She serves on the board of the Lake Lanier Association and is also a CASA volunteer and volunteers with the local Red Cross chapter and is a Hall County Master Gardener.





Bev Nicholls

Bev and her husband, Denny, have lived in Gainesville, Forsyth County for over 11 years. Their children grew up in Roswell and they would come to the lake every summer. They now have two grandsons who enjoy going out in the motorboat, the sailboat, or kayaking with grandmother.

Bev has a degree in medical technology and has worked in various research and medical labs. She enjoys collecting the data with the Adopt A Lake group and sharing it with Gainesville College, Georgia Lakes Society and other interested groups.



John Richardson

John has a Management Consulting and Executive coaching business after retiring from two careers with Marriott and Ritz-Carlton, and Blue Circle and Lafarge respectively. Having been responsible for Safety, Environment, HR, and related activities, he has a passion for working to protect our lake one of Georgia's most important and valuable resources.

John has been a volunteer and member of the association as well as the Adopt-the-Lake program for several years, and has regularly participated in the Shore Sweep activities. John and his wife Ruth live on the lake in Cumming.





Gary Smith

A long term lake resident, Gary joined the Lake Lanier Association Board of Directors in 2012. In addition to his LLA role, Gary currently holds the position of Director for the Lanier Technical College foundation. Gary formerly held the positions of Chairman of the Forsyth County Board of Elections and Chairman of the Forsyth County Republican Party among other community service based roles.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Joanna Cloud

Joanna is a metro Atlanta native and a graduate of Georgia Tech. She has spent over 20 years working in the information technology industry. Active in her local community, she has held leadership roles on several different school or community group boards.

Joanna and her husband, Glenn, live in North Forsyth county with their three children.



Annual Business Meeting

Agenda:

Board Member Approval

Treasurer's Report

Adopt-A-Lake Report

Shore Sweep Report

Legal Report

ACF Stakeholders Report



Board Member Approval

2012 Board Member Class

1. Gordon Brand
2. George Daniel
3. Gary Smith*

2013 Board Member Class

1. Paul M. Flood
2. Jacqueline A. Joseph
3. Beverly Nicholls
4. Roger Bauer
5. Ron Coleman
6. John Richardson

2014 Board Member Class

1. Wilton Rooks
2. Val Perry
3. Patsy Kilmartin
4. John W. Heard

* First year board member proposed to be renewed for a 3 year term with the 2012 Class



Annual Treasurer's Report

The Lake Lanier Association had an improved year in 2011. Revenues increased \$37,000 bringing the Association back to 2009 levels. This increase was primarily due to significant improvement in membership. We now have 1500 memberships which is an improvement of 17% over 2010. We continue to experience the downgrade in our premium memberships as several Admiral and Captain levels reduced to a level below their normal one. We are hopeful that with an improved economy those members will again become Admiral and Captain members.

Our prudent expense management remained balanced, while being highlighted by substantial investments. We have reinvented the LLA web site, conducted major membership recruiting programs and dramatically reduced the balance of our legal fees obligation.

In 2012, we are on track to continuing our investments in recruiting new members and reducing the legal debt. In the first quarter of 2012, we are on hitting our balanced plan, and expect that performance to continue through the year.

Financial Summary – dollars in 1000's

	2010	2011	O/-U
Revenue	\$127.1	\$163.9	\$36.8
Expenses	\$129.5	\$164.1	\$34.6
Net	-\$2.6	-\$0.2	



Profit & Loss Statement 2011

**Lake Lanier Association, Inc.
Statement of
Activities
December '11 YTD**

	<u>Actual</u>
<u>INCOME</u>	
Membership/Donations	138,143
Golf	19,245
Shore Sweep	4,658
Miscellaneous	<u>1,894</u>
TOTAL	<u>163,940</u>
 <u>EXPENSES</u>	
Legal	48,261
Debt Service	-
Postage/Printing	19,860
Golf	11,597
Shore Sweep	10,168
Professional Fees	45,240
Advertising/Promotions	11,526
Admin/Misc	<u>17,547</u>
TOTAL	<u>164,199</u>
 Change in Net Assets	 <u><u>(258)</u></u>



Balance Sheet 2011

	<u>Dec 31, 11</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
102 - Cash in Bank - SunTrust	10,076.10
107 - Fidelity	2,371.76
108 - PayPal	<u>899.30</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>13,347.16</u>
Total Current Assets	13,347.16
Fixed Assets	
263 - Furniture & Fixtures	1,952.80
264 - Office Equipment	19,492.28
280 - Accum Depr - Fixed Assets	-
	<u>21,445.08</u>
Total Fixed Assets	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>13,347.16</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
510 - Fund Balance	16,406.18
520 - Retained Earnings	-2,800.53
Net Income	<u>-258.49</u>
Total Equity	<u>13,347.16</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>13,347.16</u>



Profit & Loss as of March 31, 2012

**Lake Lanier Association, Inc.
Statement of
Activities
March '12 YTD**

	<u>Actual</u>
<u>INCOME</u>	
Membership/Donations	38,781
Golf	-
Shore Sweep	1,000
Miscellaneous	<u>22</u>
TOTAL	<u>39,803</u>

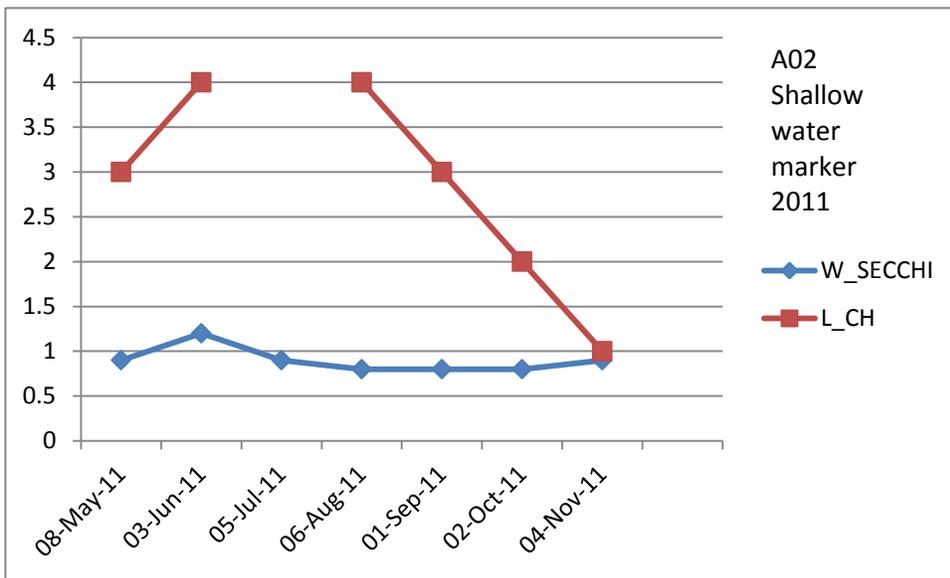
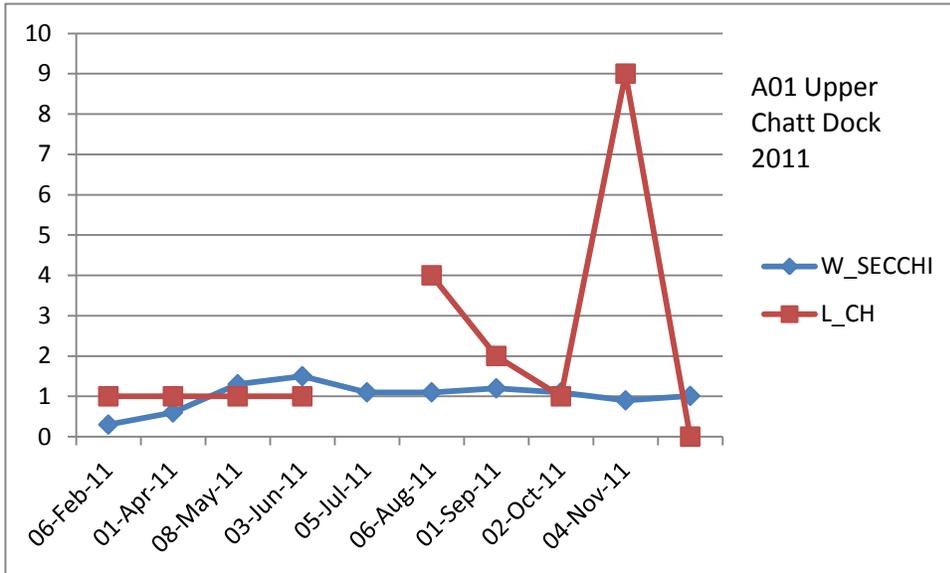
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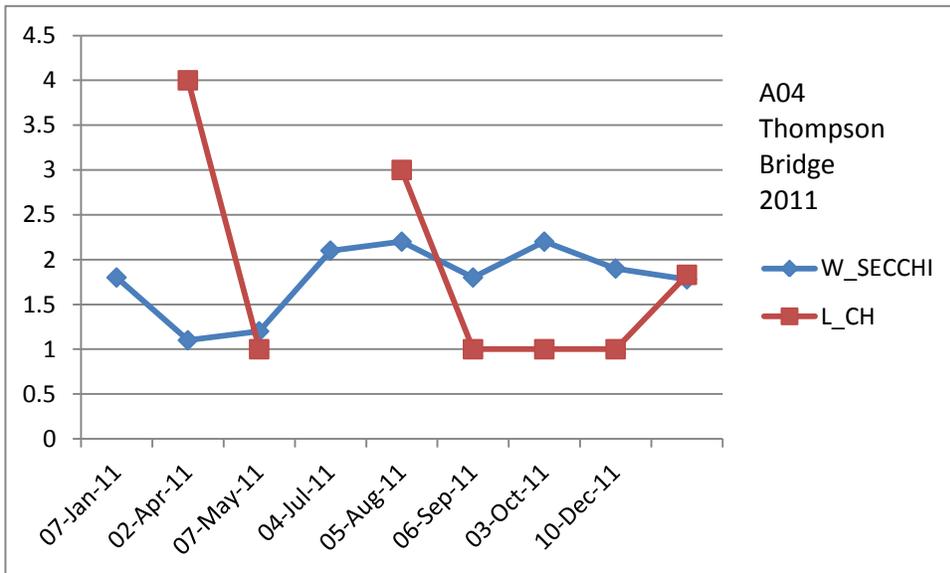
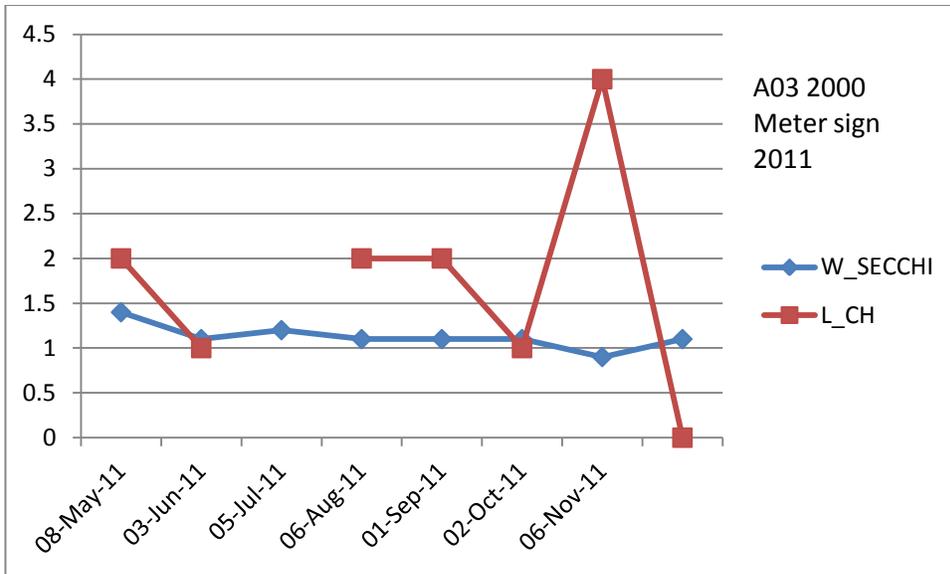
Legal	10,000
Postage/Printing	5,225
Golf	1,173
Shore Sweep	-
Professional Fees	10,783
Advertising/Promotions	7,874
Admin/Misc	<u>6,367</u>
TOTAL	<u>41,421.33</u>

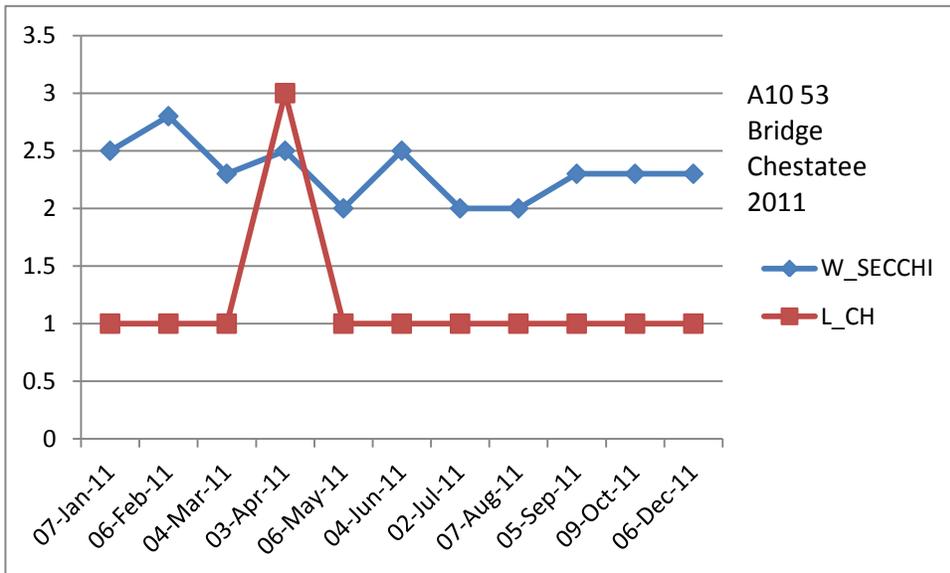
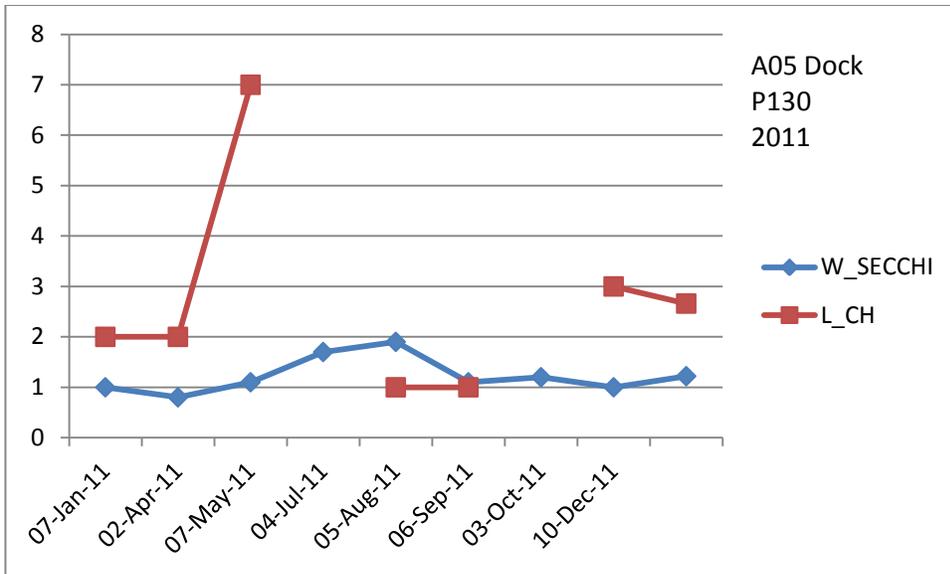
Change in Net Assets (1,618)

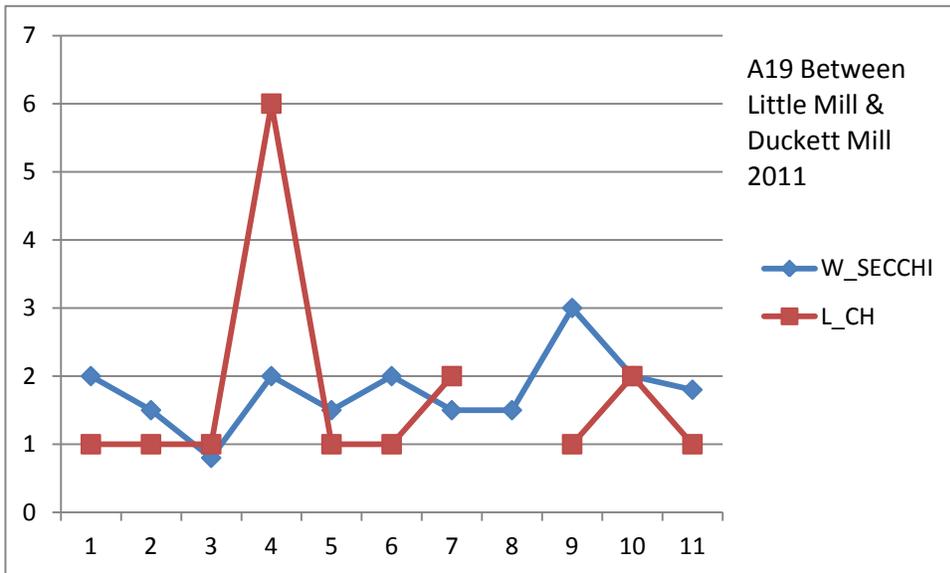
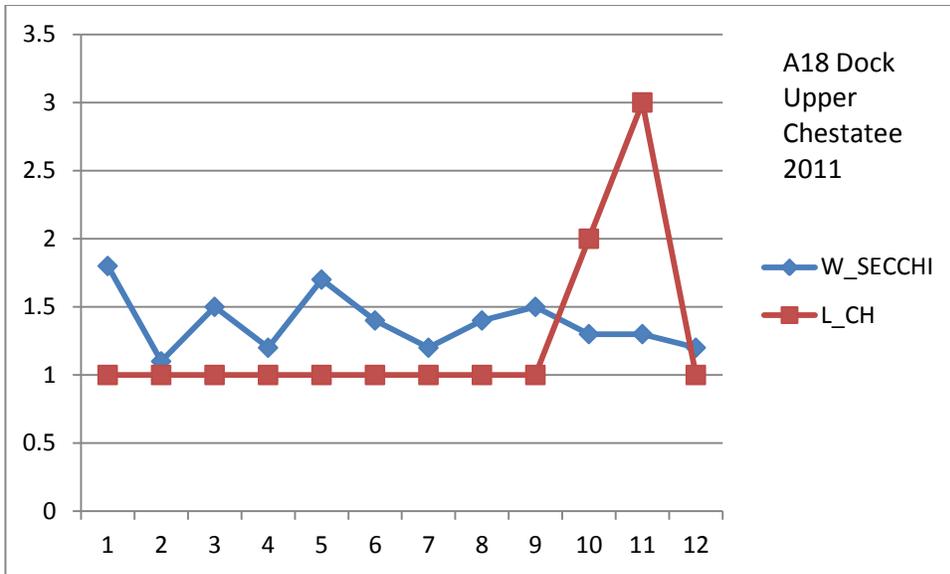


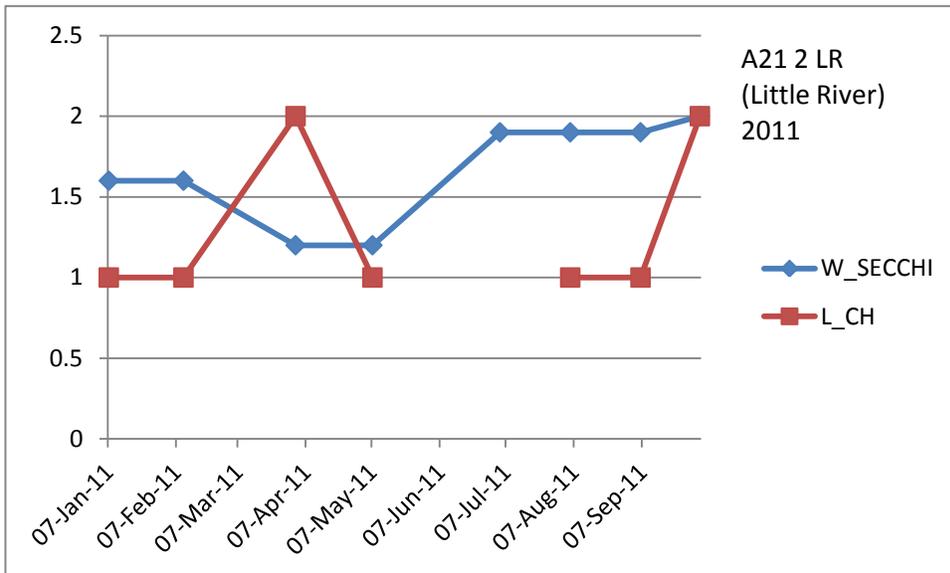
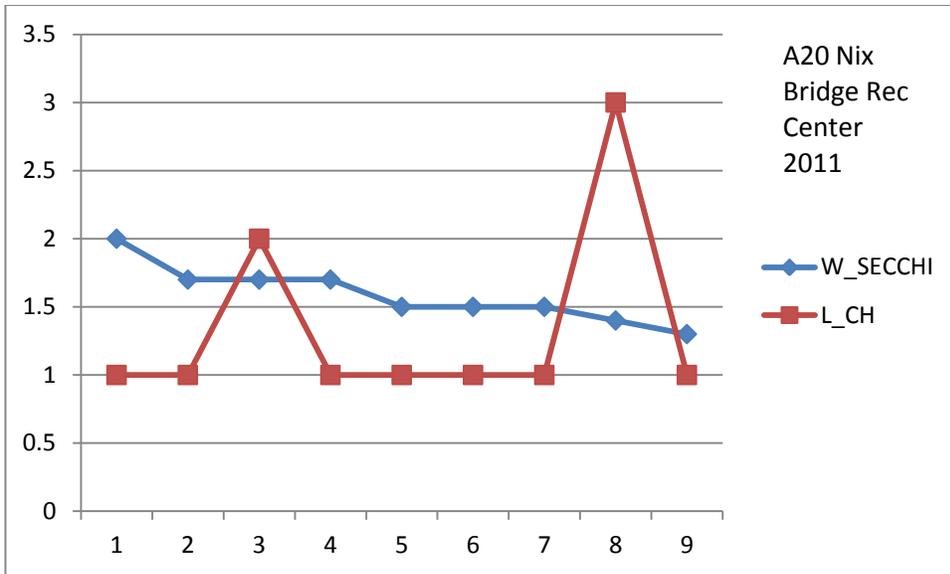
Adopt-A-Lake Reports

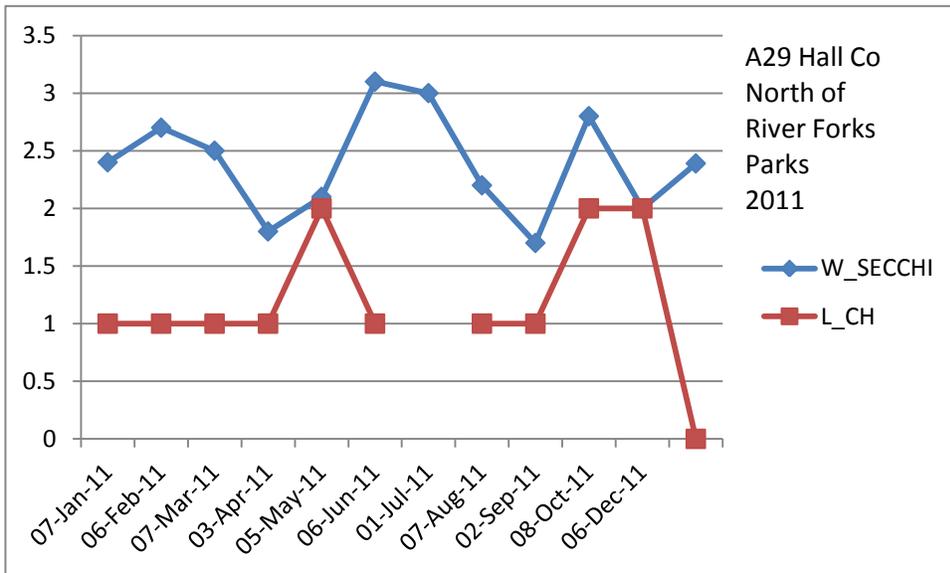
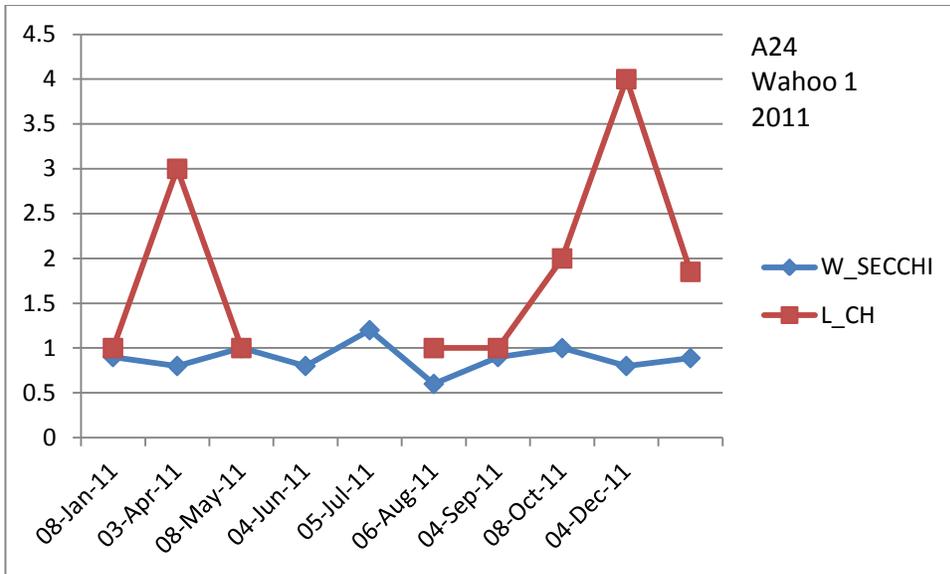


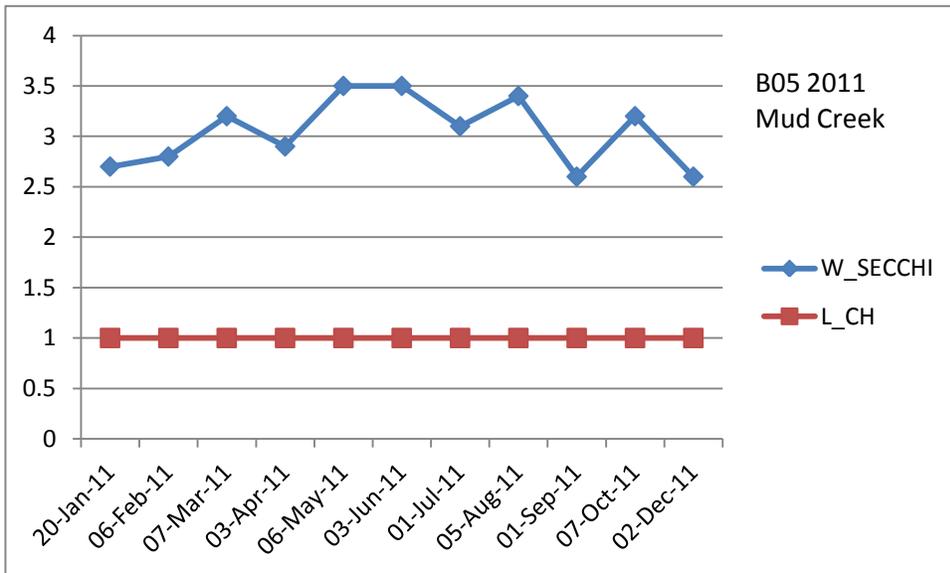
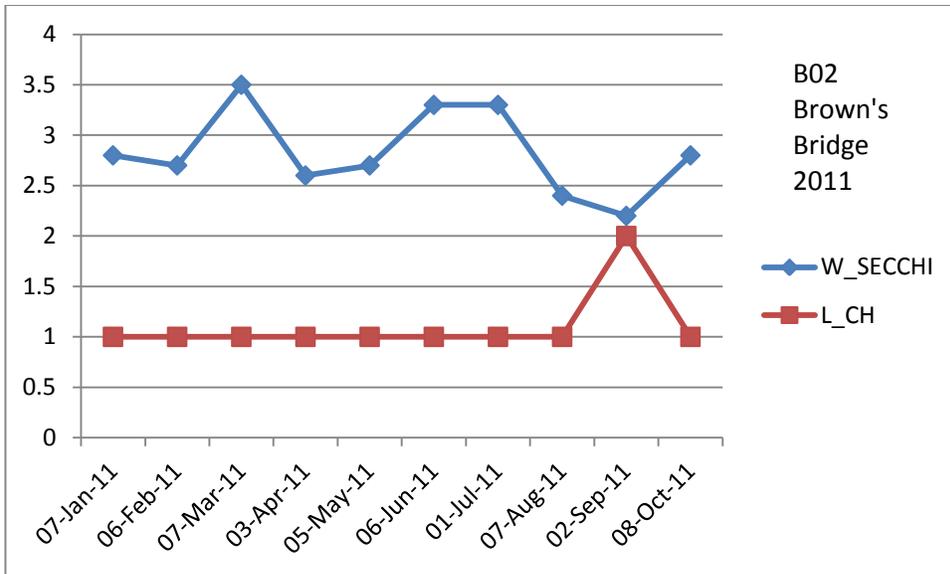


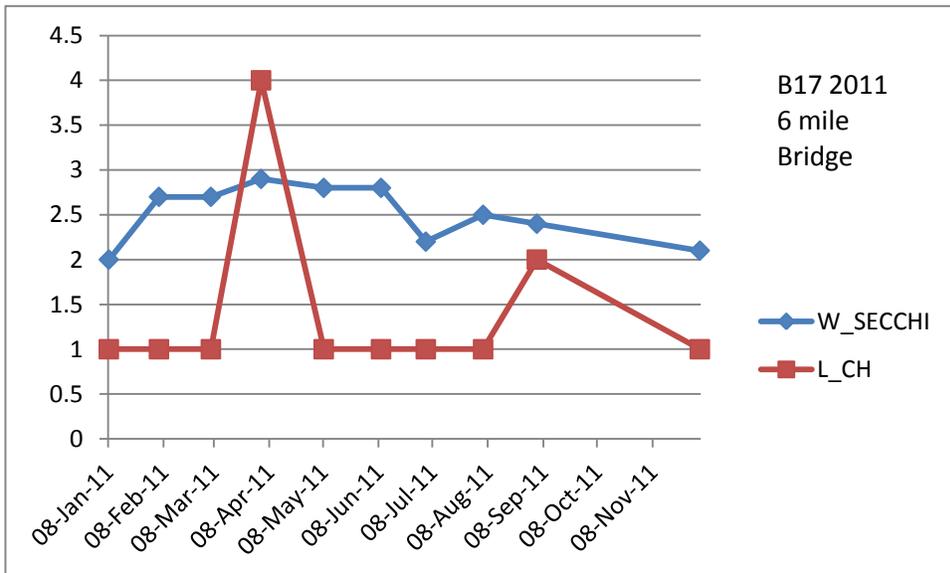
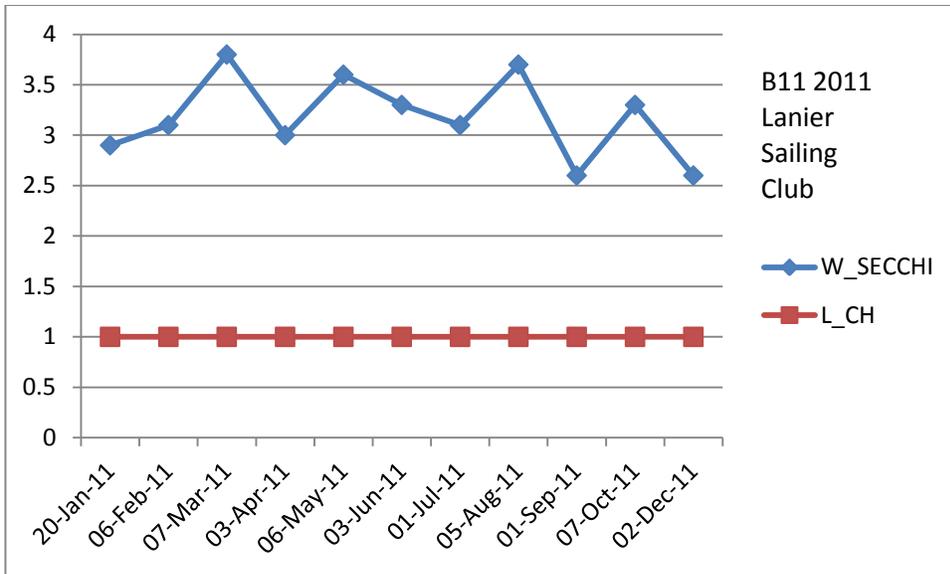


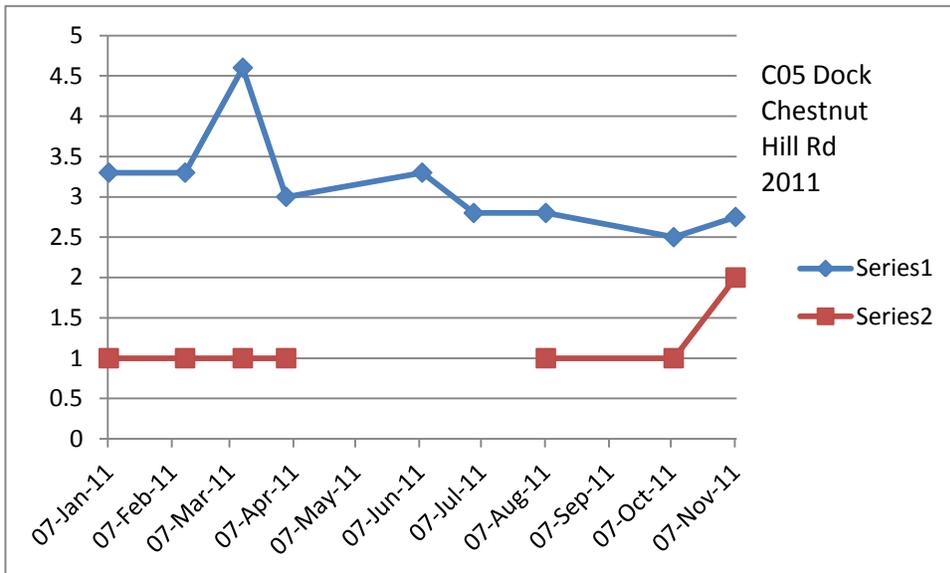
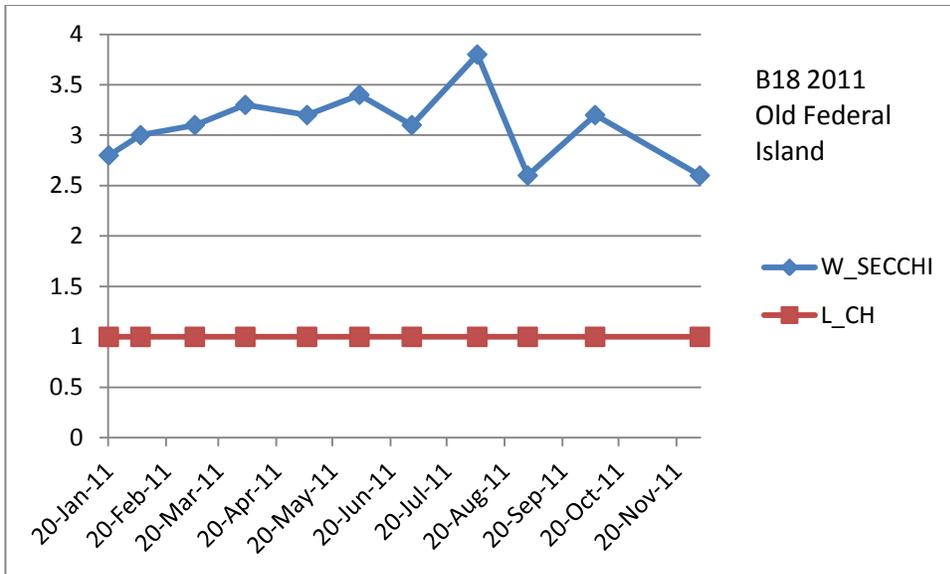


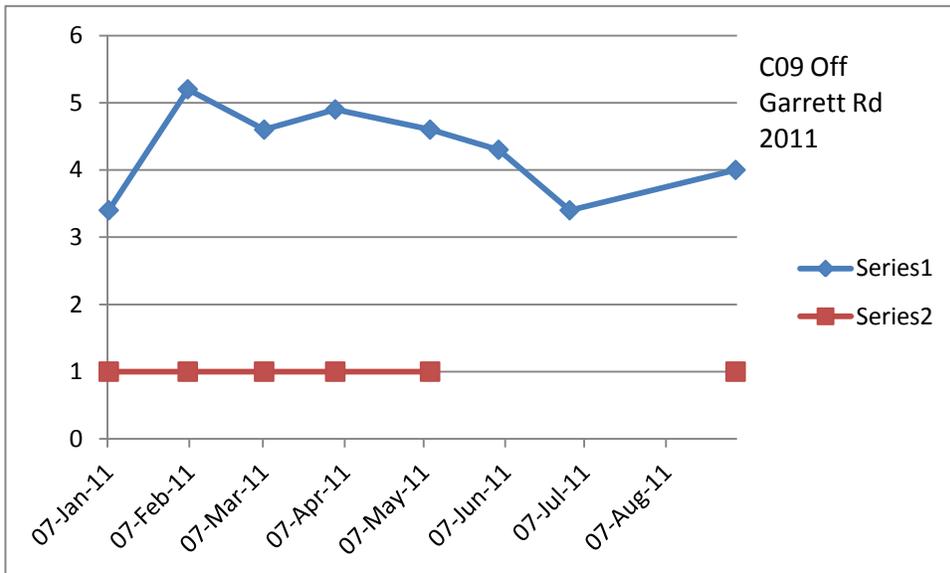
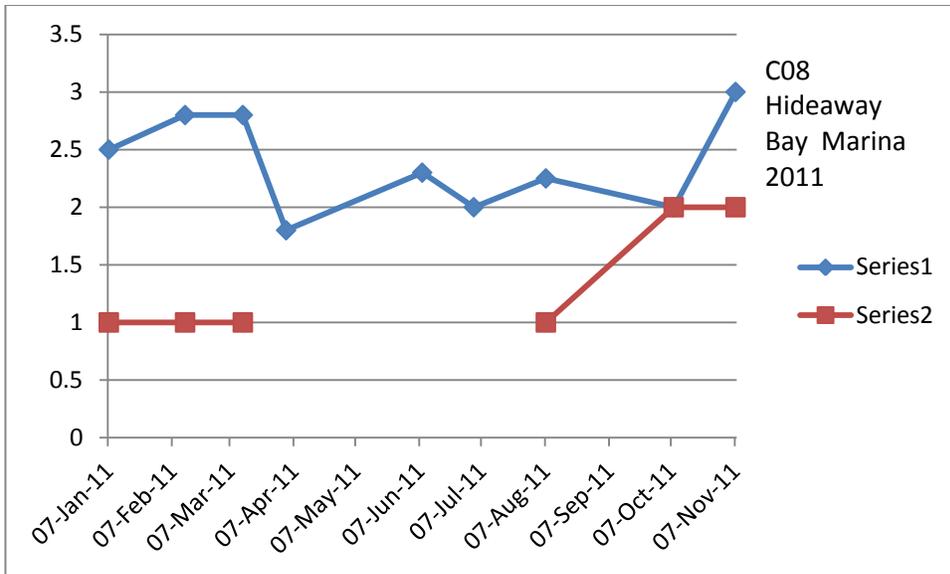


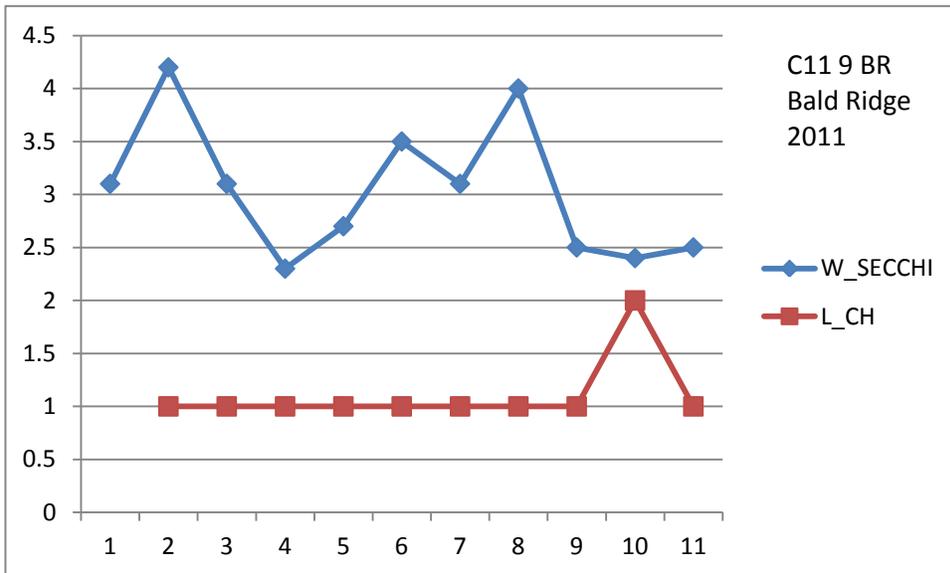
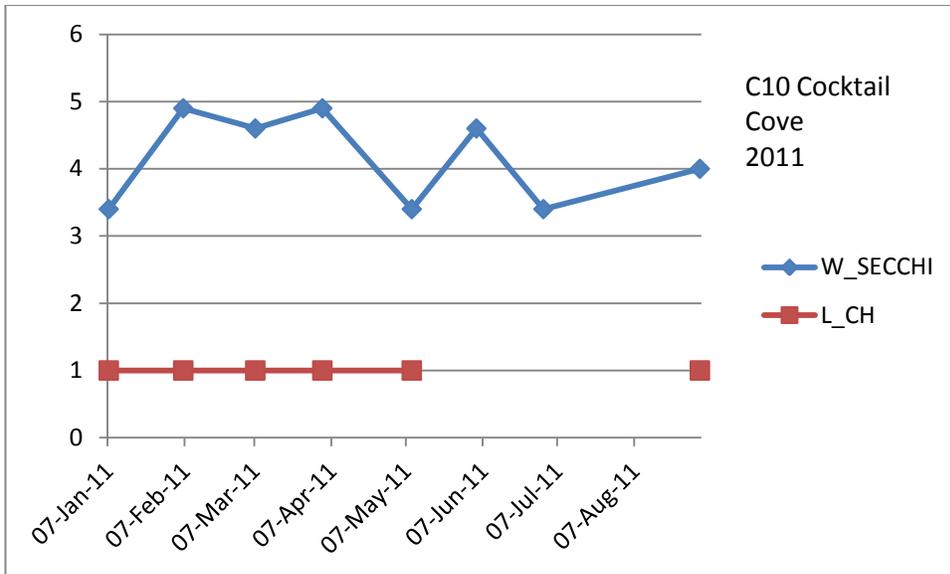


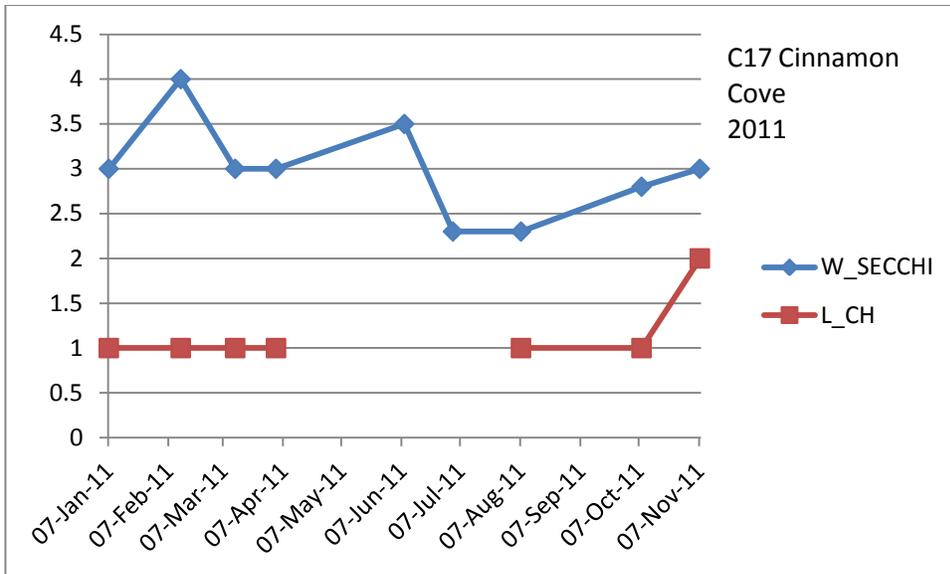












Shore Sweep Report

- 24th Annual Shore Sweep took place Saturday, September 24th, 2011
- Approximately 1000 volunteers collected an estimated 30 tons of debris
- Expanded advance drop off locations to eight locations lake-wide
- Day of event 13 lake-wide participating locations
- Developed advance scouting maps for better deployment of volunteers on day of event
- Individual location volunteer recognition instead of single location volunteer appreciation party
- Planning already underway for 2012 event! We need volunteers for:
 - Location Captains
 - Advance Scouting of Shoreline
 - Please email us at lakeinfo@lakelanier.org if you can help in either of these capacities.





SHORE SWEEP 2011

Thank you to our sponsors...

Advanced Disposal
American Proteins
Bald Ridge Marina
Boat Dock Works
Coca Cola
Gainesville Marina
Habersham Marina

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Norman's Landing Restaurant
Port Royale Marina
Republic Services
Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper



LEGAL REPORT

Clyde Morris

Tri-State Water Rights Litigation Cases

AL v Corps

GA v Corps (GA II)

SeFPC v Corps

FL v FWS

GA v Corps (GA I)

Columbus v Corps

Apalachicola v FWS



What court(s) are we in?

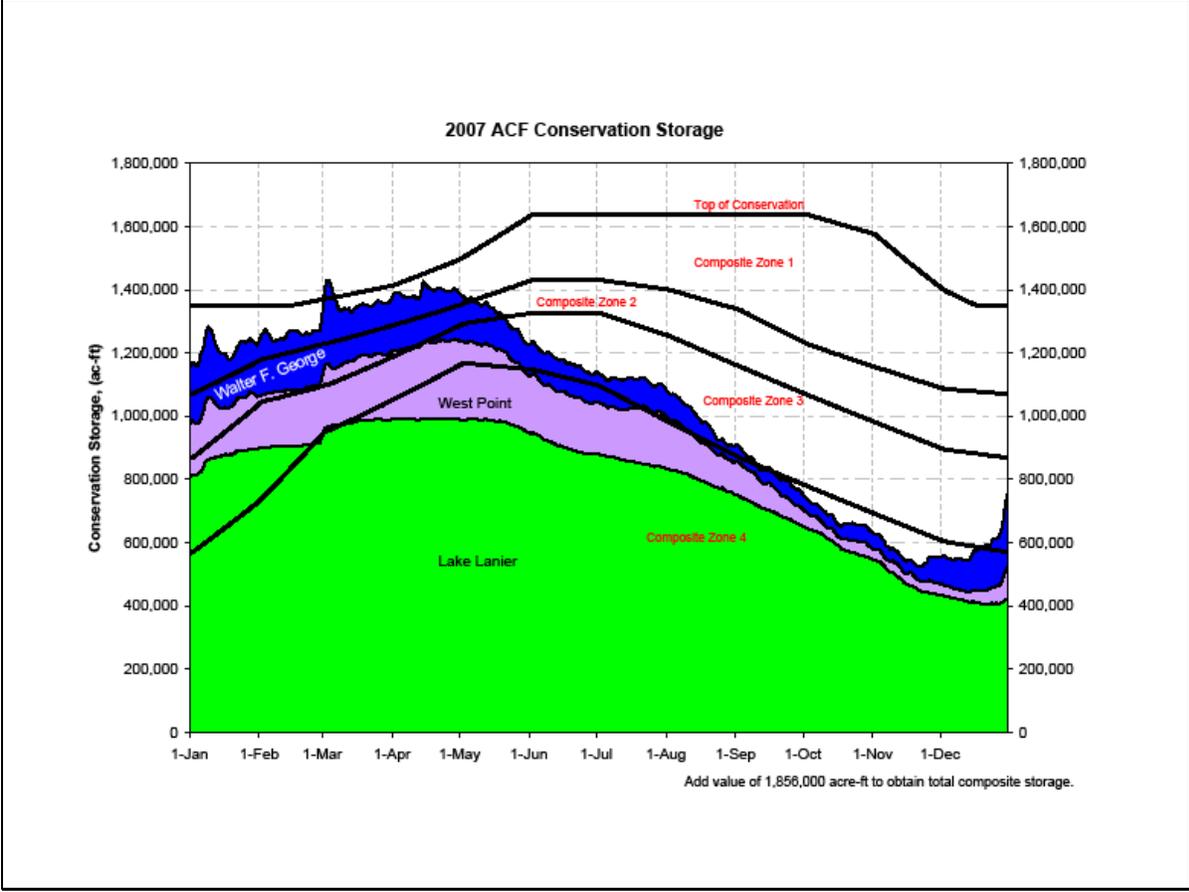
- U. S. Supreme Court
 - Phase 1: Authorized Purposes
 - FL, AL, SeFPC: Petitions for Writs of Certiorari
 - GA Brief in Opposition to Petitions ~ 5/25
- U. S. Court of Appeals – 11th Circuit
 - Phase 2: Endangered Species Act
 - Appeal in abeyance, pending final amended report by U. S. Fish & Wildlife regarding mussels
 - Issue is whether they are harmed at higher water levels



U. S. Supreme Court

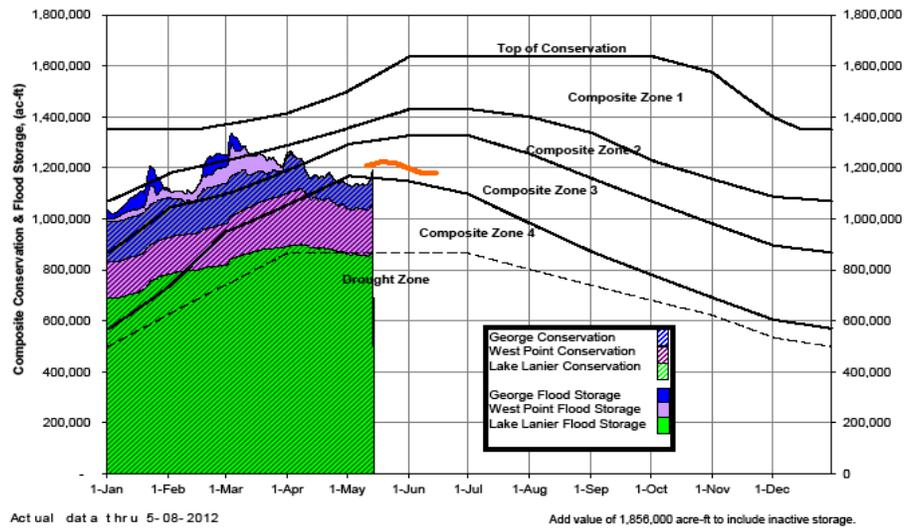
- ~ 9,000 appeals received annually
- ~ 1% are accepted (90)
- Usual criteria:
 - Important legal issue(s)
 - Split among circuit courts of appeals
- Our case:
 - Legal issue is important, but not the kind the Supreme Court is usually concerned with
 - No split among circuit courts
 - Curveball: Corps of Engineers disputes 11th Circuit's ruling, saying the Corps' opinion of what are authorized purposes should control





May, 2012

2012 ACF Basin Composite Conservation & Flood Storage



Water Wars Highlights

- **PHASE 1: “Authorized Purposes”**
 - District Court Hearing: 5/11/09; Decision 7/17/09
 - Ruling: Draconian, mid-1970’s water supply levels
 - Deadline: 7/17/12
 - LLA success: Protected Recreation from being ruled not an “authorized purpose” as was Water Supply
- **APPEAL: 11th US Circuit Court of Appeals**
 - Appeal filed: 9/14/09
 - Hearing: 3/9/11
 - Decision expected: ____?____



11th Circuit Ruling – Phase 1

What we hoped for:

- Reverse District Court Order
- Water Supply is an “authorized purpose”
- Remand to Corps:
 - how much water supply authorized by the original 1946 legislation
 - how much additional authorized by the 1958 Water Supply Act



Phase 2: Environmental Claims

- **RIOP**
 - **Violated National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)**
 - No Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
- **BiOp**
 - **Violated Endangered Species Act (ESA)**
 - **LLA:**
 - Any “take” of protected species is the result of drought, not Corps activity
 - BiOp not done properly, but error harmless



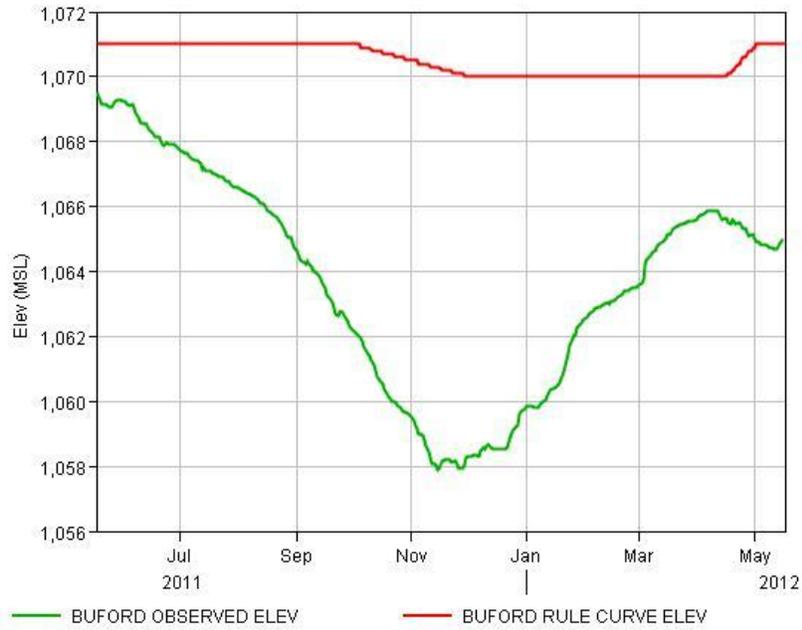
Water Wars Highlights, cont'd

PHASE 2:

- District Court Hearing: 6/8/10; Decision 7/21/10
 - NEPA claims: “prudentially moot”
 - New Water Control Plan in process
 - ESA claims: Florida “failed to establish that the (BiOp) is arbitrary and capricious”
 - LLA Benefit: Recreation protected
 - Florida wanted higher minimum flows, higher spring flows, no management for recreation, all flow decisions based on protected species



Lake Lanier Level - 2012



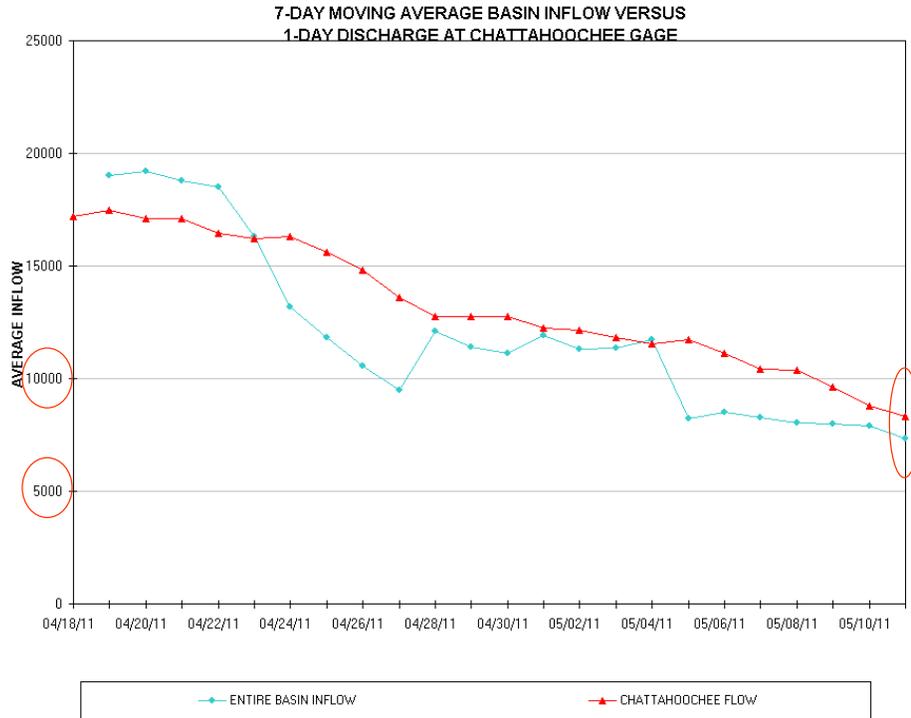
RIOP

Months	Composite Storage Zone	Basin Inflow (BI) (cfs)	Releases from JWLD (cfs)
March - May	Zones 1 and 2	$\geq 34,000$	= 25,000
		$\geq 16,000$ and $< 34,000$	= $16,000 + 50\% \text{ BI} > 16,000$
		$\geq 5,000$ and $< 16,000$	= BI
		$< 5,000$	= 5,000
	Zone 3	$\geq 39,000$	= 25,000
		$\geq 11,000$ and $< 39,000$	= $11,000 + 50\% \text{ BI} > 11,000$
		$\geq 5,000$ and $< 11,000$	= BI
		$< 5,000$	= 5,000
June - November	Zones 1,2, and 3	$\geq 24,000$	= 16,000
		$\geq 8,000$ and $< 24,000$	= $8,000 + 50\% \text{ BI} > 8,000$
		$\geq 5,000$ and $< 8,000$	= BI
		$< 5,000$	= 5,000
December - February	Zones 1,2, and 3	$\geq 5,000$	= 5,000 (Store all BI $> 5,000$)
		$< 5,000$	= 5,000
At all times	Zone 4	NA	= 5,000 (Store all BI $> 5,000$)
At all times	Corps Exceptional Drought Trigger Zone	NA	= 4,500 (Store all BI $> 4,500$)*

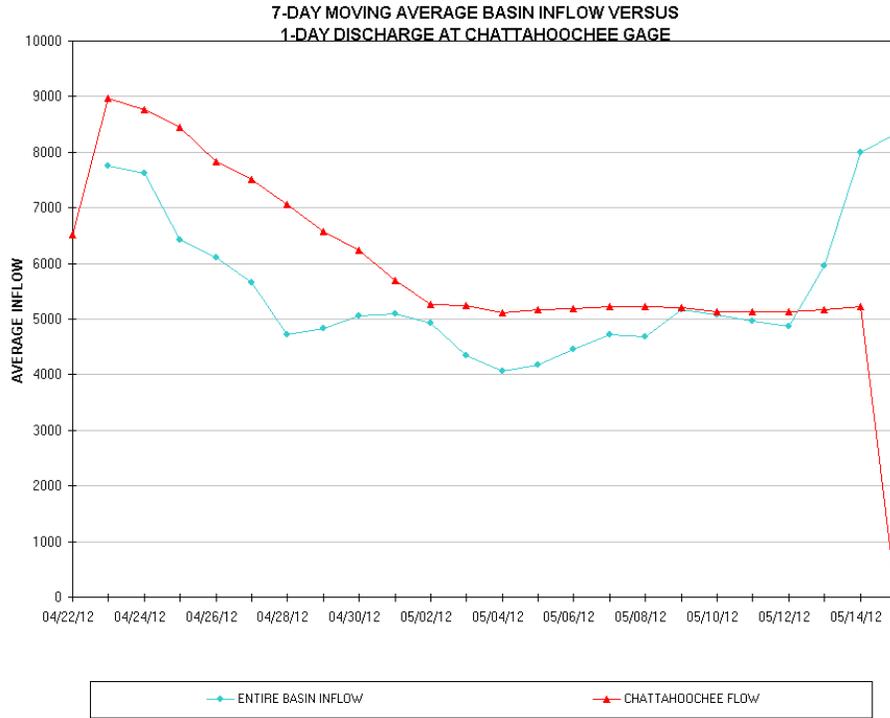
* Once composite storage falls below the top of the Corps Exceptional Drought Trigger Zone ramp down to 4,500 cfs at a rate of 0.25 ft/day drop.



Basin Inflow 2011



Basin Inflow 2012



ACF Stakeholders Update

The 2011 calendar year has seen a significant increase in the activities of the ACF Stakeholders organization. Just to summarize for those not familiar with it:

ACF Stakeholders (ACFS) began in August 2008 with 8 people from Georgia, Florida and Alabama sitting around a conference table in LaGrange, GA. Two of the people were from the Lake Lanier Association. Since then, LLA members have had a leadership role in establishing the organization's charter, bylaws and governance structure including serving as the first Chair of the Governing Board.

Now, with a 56 member Governing Board comprised of 14 members each from 4 sub-basins in the ACF Watershed, the organization has tackled some tough and contentious issues. With representatives from Georgia, Florida and Alabama representing environmental, water supply, agriculture, power supply, recreation, navigation and more, the challenge has been to find common ground for an equitable sharing of the waters in the watershed.

This past year, contracts were signed with two consulting firms to develop a Sustainable Water Management Plan (Black & Veatch) and an Instream Flow Assessment (Atkins Global). These contracts are now underway and funding is being sought from major foundations and corporations. So far, over \$800,000 has been raised toward a goal of \$1 million. Several large grant applications are outstanding contributing to the expectation that the goal will be reached and possibly exceeded.

Two years ago, the general belief was that the organization was so diverse that it could never make a decision. But by focusing on decisions that were potentially beneficial to all water users, significant progress has been made. The organization is now recognized by government agencies, foundations and corporations as a significant contributor to the ultimate solution of the water conflicts among the 3 states.



Speaker Biographies



Lt. Governor Casey Cagle – Biography

A successful entrepreneur and respected former State Senator, Casey Cagle made history in 2006 by becoming the first Republican ever elected to Georgia's second highest office. In November of 2010, in recognition of his outstanding efforts on behalf of the state his family has called home for seven generations, Georgia voters overwhelmingly re-elected him, returning Lieutenant Governor Cagle to office for another term.

Born and raised in Hall County, Casey is the son of a single mother. Though there were lean times growing up, he received love and devotion from his mother, who instilled in him the values of hard work, dedication, and an enduring love for God. These values continue to sustain him to this day. A talented athlete, Casey graduated from Johnson High School and attended Gainesville College and Georgia Southern University. When a sports injury ended his dreams of playing college football, Casey returned home to Hall County to start his first business venture - a small tuxedo shop. He later grew to be a leader in the banking and real estate industry in northeast Georgia.

His fellow citizens quickly recognized Casey as an able leader they could always trust to do the right thing. In 1994, at twenty-eight years old, the people of Hall County chose him to be their representative in the Georgia State Senate. Casey faithfully served the in the Senate for twelve years until his ascension to the Office of Lieutenant Governor in 2006.

During his time as a State Senator and later as Lieutenant Governor, Casey established himself as a bold leader and champion of our conservative values. His business acumen propelled him to prominent leadership roles and assignments under the Gold Dome, allowing him to bring a common sense private sector approach to state government by cutting billions of state spending and balancing Georgia's budget without raising taxes.

He also sought to bring free-market solutions to healthcare issues by advocating on behalf of community supported safety-net clinics, expanding immunity protections to doctors and nurses who selflessly volunteer their time to care for the uninsured, and championing meaningful tort reform to protect Georgians from frivolous lawsuits that drive up the cost of healthcare.

As Lieutenant Governor, Casey works tirelessly to ensure all children in Georgia have access to a personalized educational environment suited for their individual talents and needs. Thanks to his Charter System Initiative, entire school systems can now convert to charter system status and focus their efforts on educating students instead of complying with burdensome mandates.

Additionally, he launched the Georgia College and Career Academy Network, a partnership between local community leaders, school systems, and Georgia's technical colleges. The college and career academies provide a relevant and rigorous curriculum aimed at preparing students for a highly skilled,



21st-Century workforce upon graduation. Thanks to Casey's leadership, Georgia has 23 college and career academies today with additional academies planned every year.

An avid athlete, Casey also understands the importance of health and wellness for today's youth. Recognizing Georgia faces an obesity epidemic, with over one in three Georgia children considered obese, Casey, as both the Lieutenant Governor and a parent, decided it was time to reverse these trends and confront the challenge of childhood obesity. In 2010, he launched the Lieutenant Governor's Healthy Kids Challenge, with the goal of enrolling 50 Georgia schools in the Alliance for a Healthier Generation's Healthy Schools Program within one year. After achieving this initial goal in less than 3 months, the Lt. Governor is now working to provide every Georgia student with access to an environment that encourages healthy lifestyle decisions.

Casey is frequently honored for his efforts on behalf of the people of Georgia. Recently, James Magazine named Casey one of the most influential Georgians. He was one of only four public servants nationwide to receive the 2007 Champion for Charters Award and has been repeatedly recognized by various national and state groups for his support of small businesses. Lieutenant Governor Cagle also serves as Vice Chairman of the One Georgia Authority, as Vice Chairman of the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission, and as a member of the Executive Committee of the Republican Lieutenant Governors Association. He has also been named a member of the Aspen-Rodell Fellowship for Public Leadership.

Notwithstanding his many accomplishments in private and public life, Casey is most proud to be a husband and a father. He has been married to Nita, his high school sweetheart, for 24 years and they are the proud parents of three sons- Jared, Grant, and Carter. They live in Chestnut Mountain and are active members of Blackshear Place Baptist Church.



Frank Norton – Biography

Gainesville native, Frank K. Norton, Jr. joined his family's business, The Norton Agency, in 1986 as manager of both Commercial and Residential Real Estate Divisions. He was promoted to President of the holding company in 1997 and today manages a network of 49 associated businesses and managed assets an excess of \$180 million dollars.

Well recognized for his excellent marketing skills and keen business intuition, Frank has presented, for the past 22 years, an economic forecast outlining growth and business trends for the Northeast Georgia region. The report, based on a wealth of data collected by The Norton Agency's Native Intelligence™ Division, is a resource that guides many area companies and organizations in making their business decisions.

His clients include The Atlanta Falcons, Hall County School System, Northeast Georgia Medical Center, The Longstreet Clinic and 24 regional and national banks.

Frank is also partner in Southern Capital Funds, a private group of closed end funds geared toward long-term raw land and developed lot investments in north Georgia.

Professionally, Frank holds Broker's licenses in the states of Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, South Carolina and North Carolina. He is a member of the Georgia Association of Realtors and the Council of Commercial Investment Managers. He is also on the Board of Directors of First Multiple Listing Service and the Atlanta Commercial Board of Realtors.

Besides his obvious commitment to the business of Real Estate, Frank is also involved with a number of community organizations. He is an assistant Scout Master to Boy Scout Troop 16, acting as the Eagle Scout Advisor, having achieved the Eagle Scout level at the age of 13 and the designation of Boy Scout of the Year for the State of Georgia at 15. He regularly donates his "birds", whimsical drawings he has hanging in 16 Southeastern galleries, to charitable groups for their fundraising.

He graduated from Georgia Tech with a Bachelor of Science in Building Construction, College of Architecture and became, at 25, the youngest manager in the history of Coldwell Banker Richard Ellis Commercial Real Estate. Frank and his wife of 25 years, Nancy, have two daughters, Teddie, 24, and Emilie, 18, and a son, Tripp, 22.



Tim Rainey - Biography

Tim Rainey has served 23 years with the Federal Government, 19 of those with the Corps of Engineers. After a few years with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Park Service, he began his career with the Corps of Engineers as a Park Ranger at Lake Lanier. Tim has worked at Lake Seminole, the Mobile District Office, Headquarters, Washington, D.C., John H. Kerr Reservoir, and Allatoona Lake. He was thrilled to receive the assignment to Lanier as the Operations Project Manager in 2008 and plans on staying here until retirement. Tim lives in Marietta with his wife, Marina, and two sons; Timothy (6) and Steven (4).



Political Candidate Invites

The Lake Lanier Association sent an invitation to the following list of current political candidate to attend the Meet & Greet portion of our 2012 Annual Meeting. As part of the invitation, candidates were invited to submit a brief biography as well as written answers to a few questions that we thought would be of interest to Lake Lanier Association members. The below table lists the candidates that were invited and whether answers to the lake related questions were received in time to be included in the Annual Meeting booklet.

Last Name	First Name	Entity	District	Response
Berg	Mike	Dawson County Board of Commissioners	Chairman	Included
Swafford	James	Dawson County Board of Commissioners	District 2	Not Received
Hughes Nix	Julie	Dawson County Board of Commissioners	District 4	Not Received
Brown	Dennis	Forsyth County Commissioner	District 2	Included
Tam	Brian	Forsyth County Commissioner	District 2	Not Received
Bell	Patrick	Forsyth County Commissioner	District 4	Not Received
Hubbard	Tim	Forsyth County Commissioner	District 4	Not Received
Meagher	Charlie	Forsyth County Commissioner	District 4	Included
Mills	Cindy	Forsyth County Commissioner	District 4	Included
Mulrooney	Bill	Forsyth County Commissioner	District 4	Included
Boff	Jim	Forsyth County Commissioner	District 5	Included
Derucki	John	Forsyth County Commissioner	District 5	Included
Brooks	Jace	Gwinnett County Commissioner	District 1	Included
McClain	Laurie	Gwinnett County Commissioner	District 1	Not Received
Beaudreau	Mike	Gwinnett County Commissioner	District 3	Included
Hunter	Tommy	Gwinnett County Commissioner	District 3	Not Received
Korom	Mike	Gwinnett County Commissioner	District 3	Not Received
Oberholtzer	Jerry	Gwinnett County Commissioner	District 3	Included
Nash	Charlotte	Gwinnett County Commissioner		Not Received
Mecum	Dick	Hall County Commissioner	At Large Post	Included
Oliver	Tommy	Hall County Commissioner	At Large Post	Not Received
Moon	Eugene	Hall County Commissioner	Post 2	Included
Powell	Billy	Hall County Commissioner	Post 2	Included
Bell	Ashley	Hall County Commissioner	Post 4	Not Received
Stowe	Jeff	Hall County Commissioner	Post 4	Included
Barr	Tim	State Representative	House District 103	Not Received
Russell	Ken	State Representative	House District 103	Not Received
Rogers	Carl	State Representative	House District 22	Not Received
Hamilton	Mark	State Representative	House District 23	Not Received
Dudgeon	Mike	State Representative	House District 24	Not Received
Duncan	Geoff	State Representative	House District 26	Included



Knox	Tom	State Representative	House District 26	Not Received
Hawkins	Lee	State Representative	House District 27	Included
Dunahoo	Emory	State Representative	House District 30	Not Received
Benton	Tommy	State Representative	House District 31	Not Received
Smith	Clint	State Representative	House District 9	Not Received
Tanner	Kevin	State Representative	House District 9	Included
Murphy	Jack	State Senator	Senate District 27	Not Received
Voshall	Steve	State Senator	Senate District 27	Not Received
Miller	Butch	State Senator	Senate District 49	Included
Gooch	Steve	State Senator	Senate District 51	Not Received
Unterman	Renee	State Senator	Senate District 45	Not Received
Lightfoot	Gary	U.S. Congress	7th District	Not Received
Woodall	Rob	U.S. Congress	7th District	Not Received
Bicknell	Hunter	U.S. Congress	9th District	Included
Collins	Doug	U.S. Congress	9th District	Not Received
Fitzpatrick	Roger	U.S. Congress	9th District	Not Received
McDuffie	Clifton	U.S. Congress	9th District	Included
Zoller	Martha	U.S. Congress	9th District	Included



Political Candidate Biographies



Mike Berg

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Prevalent Current Activities

Chairman, Dawson County Board of
Commissioners, 2nd term
Chairman, First Citizens Bank of Georgia
Financial Corporation

Board Member

1st VP, Association County Commissioners of Ga.,
Board of Managers and Executive Board
Coosa- N. Ga. State Water Planning Council
Family Connection (18 agency collaborative)
Dawson County Board of Health
Dawson Chamber of Commerce
Georgia Mountain Regional Commission Executive Board

Partial past Activities

District 3 Commissioner, Gwinnett County
State PTA Officer, 2 years
Gwinnett County Council of PTA's, President, 2 years
Various local PTA Presidencies
Past Chairman, Gwinnett Recreation Authority, 12 years
Founder and Past Chairman, GUIDE, (Gwinnett United in Drug
Education) 12 years
Lt. Gov. Rotary District 6910, 2 years
Chairman, Dawson County Planning Commission, 3years
9th District Local Elected Official of the Year
Chairman, Ga. State Public Defenders Council

Family

Married to Jane Alexander, 43 years
Daughter/ Lori, Son /Chris
3 Grandchildren

Education

BBA, Georgia State University
Certified County Commissioner & Advanced Cert.
Georgia Academy of Economic Development graduate
IGEL 2007 (Institute for Georgia, Environmental Leadership)
RLI 2006 (Regional Leadership Institute)

Work

Retired, Georgia Power Company

Club

Rotary Club of Dawson County

Church

Christ the King in Cumming
Past Chairman of Mutual Ministry, 3 years
Past Chairman of Hiring Committee, 2 years



Colonel (Retired) Dennis T. Brown

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Dennis is a candidate for District 2 Commissioner, South Forsyth County and is relatively new to politics. He is a retired military officer (rank of Colonel) with 30 years experience in diverse fields including Infantry, Aviation, Tactical Operations; Intelligence; Anti-Terrorism; International Homeland Security; Safety Management; Sales/Marketing/Recruitment, Public Affairs; Chemical, Joint Operations Center (JOC) operations, Human Resource Management, and Civil-Military Operations (CMO). He returned from Afghanistan in 2010 after serving as Civil-Military Officer for Combined Joint Task Force “Phoenix” and then as Kabul Military Training Center Chief of Staff Mentor and Forward Operating Base “Alamo” Chief of Staff. Duties included planning, organizing and execution of civil-military operations and coordinating these activities with subordinate units and various non-governmental organizations (NGO) and the Afghan people in a complex, multinational combat environment.

CIVILIAN EDUCATION

The University Of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama B.S. Human Resource Management, 1982.

Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, Georgia, M.B.A. International Business, 1999.

Curriculum included travel to London, Brussels, and Paris.

Regional Economic & Leadership Development, State of Georgia Academy for Economic Development, 2008.

MILITARY EDUCATION (HIGHLIGHTS)

Department of Defense (DoD) Information School, Public Affairs Qualification Course, Fort George Meade, Maryland, 2007. (Resident/Class Leader)

Combined Arms Staff College (CAS/3) 1995

Command & General Staff College (CGSC) 2000

National Defense University Joint Professional Military Education (JPME) II

Army Flight School, helicopter and fixed-wing qualifications

U.S. Air Force Air War College 2007



Political Experience

Republican Party Precinct Chair, 21st Precinct

Forsyth County, Ga. and National GOP Member

Delegate, 7TH Congressional District, 2011

Republican Leadership for Georgia (RLG-formerly Coverdell Leadership Institute) graduate

Lifetime member of the Republican National Committee

Jekyll Island Management Institute (JIMI) – 2011

Associations/Organizations

Post 307 Cumming, GA Senior Vice Commander & Paid Up for Life Member

Association of the U.S. Army -- Life Member

National Guard Association of the U.S. -- Life Member

National Guard Association of Ga. -- Life Member

Military Officers Association of America -- Life Member

Reserve Officers Association -- Life Member

Military Order of the World Wars -- Life Member

Reserve Officers Association -- Life Member

Old Guard of the Gate City Guard -- Member

Kennesaw State University Criminal Justice Advisory Council Member 2010-11

Leadership Forsyth Graduate 2004



Charles Meagher , Candidate for District 4, Forsyth County Commission

Charles, a 25-year resident of Forsyth County, is a member of Cumming First United Methodist Church and currently serves on the county's Board of Tax Assessors.

"As a member of the Tax Board, I've seen first hand the effects of the current economic situation on the value of our homes. I understand the relationship of the tax digest to the county's budget. No other candidate or current board member will be more aggressive in supporting property rights."

Charles spent 39 years as an educator and administrator in Alabama & Georgia. He retired as the Director of Athletics, Community Schools and Student Activities for the Gwinnett County Public Schools. Before moving to the central office, Charles was principal of both Norcross High School and Summerour Middle School. His leadership stems from years of experience as a classroom teacher, assistant principal & principal, athletic director, and central office administrator.

He is also retired after 23 years of military service in the Army National Guard. While a resident of Duluth, he served two terms as City Councilman. He has served on the administrative board of the Cumming First United Methodist Church and is currently a trustee for the Bald Ridge Chapel. According to Charles, "Leadership and service were core values instilled in me as a child. I know that my years of administration and management in a career of leadership and service make me highly qualified, and I am anxious to serve our community as a Commissioner. I have the time to devote to District Four and to Forsyth County, and I believe I am the best qualified candidate."

Charles has a MA in Educational Leadership from Georgia State University, a BA from Athens State College, Athens, AL, and a teaching certificate from University of Alabama in Birmingham. He lives in the Lake Forest subdivision with his wife, Linda Sue, and their rescued dachshund-mix, Toby. He is step-father to Linda's two children, Scott Vogelbacker of Mableton, and Lisa Bay Santiago of Santa Monica, CA.



Bio for Bill Mulrooney

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Personal

My wife Beth and I grew up in the same neighborhood in Snellville GA. We have 2 grown kids. Our son lives locally with his wife and the 2 prettiest grand-daughters in the world. Our daughter received her doctorate from North Georgia and is working with children in Alabama. We moved to Forsyth County in 2000. We picked northern Forsyth largely due to the fact that it reminded us a lot of where we grew up; fresh air, small communities and good neighbors. We attend a local Presbyterian church and volunteer our time with various local charities.

Professional

I am an industrial automation professional. After high school I studied Electronic Engineering at Dekalb Community College in Stone Mountain. My first job out of school was as a Field Service Technician for an industrial equipment manufacturer. From there I was able to work my way up through various companies to product management and international sales. The promise of America has been good to me, I was able to go from carrying a tool box to helping companies streamline and improve the efficiency of their manufacturing processes. I've traveled extensively and have had the unique experience of visiting 49 out of 50 states (Hawaii is the only one I haven't visited). I've worked with over 300 different types of manufacturers and intend to use this knowledge and experience to help draw employers to Forsyth County.

In 2009, with the decline of the economy and manufacturing I decided to get off the road and dedicate my time to helping my wife grow her fledgling company. We provide web site management to small businesses (this site is an example of what we do). The company is small but growing every day. The strength of America's economy is in small business, and we need to provide an environment in Forsyth County that encourages an entrepreneurial spirit.





John Derucki - Republican for Forsyth County Commission, District 5

A successful small businessman and a veteran, John Derucki understands the values of faith, family and freedom.

John is a common sense conservative. He believes in fiscal discipline, lower taxes, local control and individual liberties.

As a veteran of the U.S. Army and a current member of the Georgia State Defense Force, John works hard to protect the American way of life and defend its most sacred values. Awarded the American Spirit Honor Medal, John has been recognized by the U.S. Army for his outstanding qualities of leadership, honor, initiative and loyalty. The Georgia State Defense Force has also recognized John's leadership skills by awarding him the Non-commissioned Officer of the Year and Enlisted Person of the Year for 2012.

As a local businessman, John understands maintaining a budget and meeting a payroll. Much like he runs his own business, John is committed to eliminating unnecessary government spending while ensuring the highest quality of service for Forsyth County's taxpayers.

In spite of an uncertain economy and through disciplined fiscal management, John led his local business to be recognized as a 2008 Pacesetter, ranking it among the top twenty fastest growing, privately held companies in metro Atlanta.

As a devoted community member, John is active in the South Forsyth Rotary Club, the Cumming-Forsyth County Chamber of Commerce, the Polo Golf and Country Club and Three Chimneys' Property Owners' Association.

Raised in Anderson, Indiana, John received his undergraduate degree from Purdue University and his Master's in Business Administration from Keller Graduate School.

Understanding the importance of quality education, John serves on Purdue University's President's Council and his wife, Julie, is the Upper Elementary and Middle School Principal at Notre Dame Academy. He is the Forsyth County Founder of the Architecture, Construction and Engineering Mentor Program where he works to help students further post-educational goals.

John currently serves on the Board of Directors for Leadership Forsyth, The Cumming Forsyth Country Chamber of Commerce, Supporting Adoption and Foster Families Together, Keep Forsyth County Beautiful and Three Chimney's Farm Property Owners Association.

John and Julie have two children, Sara and Kate, and worship at St. Benedict Catholic Church.



Mike Beaudreau – Gwinnett

Mike Beaudreau was elected to District 3 Commissioner in November, 2004. His term of office runs through December 31st, 2012. He is the youngest person ever elected to the Gwinnett County Commission.

He graduated from the Atlanta Regional Commission Planning Academy in 2003. In 2006, Mike completed the Leadership Gwinnett training program sponsored by the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce. Also in 2006, Mike completed the training requirements to become a Certified County Commissioner in a program conducted by the Carl Vinson Institute of Government at the University of Georgia.

Mike has volunteered on many local projects, including sitting on the Board of Directors of Family Promise Gwinnett (Homeless Ministry) and as Chairman of Georgia's State Housing Trust Fund for the Homeless. Mike has volunteered on his church's youth council, and served as President of the Tribble Mill Walk Homeowners Association.

Mike is a National Accounts manager for Ricoh Corporation, and a 1997 graduate of Clemson University. He has completed additional studies at Georgetown University. He, his wife Tegwen and young daughter Maggie live in the Grayson/Lawrenceville area of the county.



BIO

Jerry Oberholtzer, PE

Mayor - City of Snellville (2003-2011)

Jerry Oberholtzer is married to Roxann and they three sons, Jerry, Matthew, Paul, daughter-in-law Jessie, and grandson JP. He attends St. Oliver's Roman Catholic Church and is a 28-year Snellville resident. Jerry received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Clemson University and is currently a Professional Civil Engineer.

He was elected to the Snellville City Council in 1999. Jerry was elected Mayor in 2003 and was reelected in 2007.

Jerry's passion for improving our quality of life is demonstrated in the numerous code amendments he has championed including improvements to the City's lighting ordinance, tree ordinance, and architectural standards. Jerry is the past Chairman of the Georgia Municipal Association Transportation Policy Committee and a past member of the Association's Executive Board.

As Mayor, Jerry's degree and experience in park planning, transportation, and facility design benefited the community. He was an integral part of planning and implementation of a new and expanded recycling center, Briscoe Park improvements, the redesign of the US78 and GA124 intersection, the construction of a new City Hall, a new Senior Center, a new Public Works Facility, a town green, and the new Public Safety Facility.

Jerry is running for the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners representing the 3rd District.



Richard V. Mecum

2140 Elysian Circle (Lived on Lake Lanier for 25 years)

Gainesville, Georgia 30501

Married: Judy (Married for 34 years)

Children: 8 (6 girls & 2 boys)

Grandchildren: 13

**Education: University of Georgia, Bachelor of Business Administration
Brenau University, Masters in Public Administration**

Church: Lakewood Baptist Church, Deacon, Sunday School teacher.

**Organizations: Gainesville Kiwanis
Gainesville/Hall County Chamber of Commerce**

Work Experience:

- **35 total years law enforcement experience including:**
 - **Fort Collins, Colorado Police Department**
 - **University of Georgia Police Department**
 - **Major, Director of the Northeast Georgia Police Academy (UGA)**
 - **Supervisor, Instructor Georgia Police Academy (Atlanta)**
 - **Sheriff, Hall County, Georgia (Three terms, 1981-1992)
(First Republican elected in Hall County to a county office).**
 - **In 2002, Appointed by President George W. Bush as U.S. Marshal,
Northern District of Georgia. Retired October 2010.**



Eugene Moon for Commissioner, District 2

Bio:

I have travelled to many different cities, but Hall County I will always call home and have done so for 44 years. I'm proud to be able to live here with my wife, Rose, and be blessed with three wonderful daughters.

I attended Johnson High School, Gainesville College and Lanier Tech. Having the benefit of a great education system in place was a key element in my ability to secure my career.

For the past 25 years I have worked for the world's leading manufacturer of welding equipment. I'm currently the Marketing Manager for our retail division. My career has also featured roles in engineering, and sales. Our division has been in Gainesville since 1974 and we employ over 125 people.

Community Service

- Member at Lanier Hills Church
- Past Chairman of Congressional Liberty Council for Congressman Tom Graves.
- Past President of Hall County Citizens for Efficient Government
- Past Chairman of Fork Road Voting precinct, Hall County GOP
- Former Congressional Candidate, 2010
- Subject of Thesis at Harvard University; Ballot access reform
- Co-Founder of Project JOY (feeds 500 plus Thanksgiving Dinner)



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Meet Geoff Duncan and his family.

With an unwavering commitment to elevate our community to new heights, Geoff will be a strong advocate for limited government and personal freedom. Leading the charge to expand tax cuts and reduce wasteful spending, Geoff will champion low taxes, less government intrusion and greater fiscal responsibility.

A product of the American Dream, Geoff Duncan has a record of being a principled conservative with a passion for faith, family and life. As a father, husband, successful small-business owner and faith-driven conservative, Geoff shares our values and has the experience necessary to be more than just another vote in the legislature.

Early in life, Geoff learned that hard work and determination are critical to achieving success. His experience does not come from a career in politics, and his solutions can't be summarized in catchy, ten-second sound bites. Geoff understands that our problems are real and deserve real solutions.

Geoff graduated from Chattahoochee High School in Alpharetta, where he met his wife Brooke. After graduating, Geoff and Brooke both attended Georgia Tech. After playing in the 1994 College World Series, Geoff was drafted by the Florida Marlins organization, where he pitched for six seasons before retiring from baseball in 2001.

That same year, Geoff and Brooke opened the doors to a small marketing company based in Forsyth County. Through perseverance and dedication, the couple quickly grew the company, hired a sales force and relocated the business from their living room to a larger 10,000-square-foot facility. The Duncans sold the company in 2004.

Two years later, Geoff's entrepreneurial spirit led him to start a construction company focused on servicing high-end, contract-to-build clients. Despite the economic downturn, Geoff's sound business decisions and fiscal discipline have allowed his company to continue to grow and thrive.

The proud father of three young boys, Geoff has coached 17 youth teams over the last six years.

Geoff, Brooke and their three sons, Parker, 9, Bayler, 6, and Ryder, 1, reside in South Forsyth. The family worships at North Point Community Church.

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EDUCATION

1970 - *Associate Degree*, Oxford College.
1972 - *B.S. Degree*, Emory University.
1972-1974 - *Post-Graduate*, University of Georgia.
1978 - *D.D.S. Degree*, Emory University School of Dentistry.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1978- Present - Private Practice of General Dentistry.
Medical College of Georgia School of Dentistry, Associate Professor.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND OFFICES HELD

American Dental Association, Member.
ADA Delegation – 1994-2006. Chairman - 2006.
Georgia Dental Association.
Legislative Committee, Past State Chairman. 1991-1993.
Secretary/Treasurer – 1994-1999.
President – 2003.
Hall County Dental Society. Member. Past President.
Hygiene School of Gainesville College.
Past Chairman of Advisory Board
Professional and Honorary Societies:
Georgia Dental Association, Honorable Fellow.
Georgia Academy of Dental Practice, Editor.
Pierre Fauchard Academy, Section Chairman.
International College of Dentistry.
American College of Dentists.
Order of St. John.

SERVICE

Georgia State Senate - 2006 to present.

- Chairman, State and Local Governmental Operations.
- Vice Chairman, Reapportionment and Redistricting.
- Vice Chairman, MARTOC (MARTA Oversight Committee.)
- Secretary, Agriculture and Consumer Affairs.
- Health and Human Services.
- Natural Resources and the Environment.



HONORS

Northern District Dentist of the Year.
Emory Alumni Award for Meritorious Service
Greater Hall Chamber-Friend of Agriculture Award
2009 Legislative Service Award-Association of County Commissioners of Georgia
Legislator of the Year-Georgia Pharmacy Association
President's Award - Georgia Free Clinic Award
Friend of Pharmacy Award
Citation by Pierre Fauchard Academy- Contributions to the Arts and Sciences.

CHURCH

St. Paul United Methodist Church of Gainesville.
Long Range Planning Committee, Past Chairman.
Board of Trustees, Past Member.
Administrative Board, Past Member.
Gainesville First United Methodist Church.. Member.

PERSONAL

Birth Date: August 22, 1950
Wife: Sharon Beltramo Hawkins
Children: Nora , Ivory Michelle , Benjamin , Elizabeth , Meredith , Jim, Charlie



Butch Miller of Flowery Branch was elected by the voters of Hall and Jackson counties to serve as the State Senator from the 49th district in a special election on May 11, 2010.

A business owner in Gainesville, Miller has continued the tradition of being a senator with conservative North Georgia values.

He serves as Chair of the State and Local Governmental Operations Senate Committee. He also serves on the Economic Development (Secretary), Transportation (Airports & Seaports Sub-Committee Chair), Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, and Natural Resources and the Environment (Ex-Officio) Senate Committees, as well as, Senate Floor Leader to Governor Nathan Deal.

Senator Miller is a native of Buford. In 1993, he was invited to become a part of the team of veteran auto dealer Milton Martin. In 1997, he joined Jim Foote in acquiring Martin's Honda franchise that has become one of the leading dealerships in the state.

He is married to the former Teresa Carey, a graduate of Gainesville High School and the University of Georgia. Teresa is the daughter of Jack and Joyce Carey. The Millers were blessed with three sons, Cole, Carey and Charlie. Cole, who suffered from Cerebral Palsy, passed away in 2001. Carey is a senior at the University of Georgia and Charlie is a senior at Flowery Branch High School.

He is the son of Mrs. Mac Miller and the late Dr. Cecil L. Miller, who practiced family medicine in Buford for half a century.

Senator Miller has three sisters, Andi Farmer of Flowery Branch, Allison Miller Johnson of Buford and Alicia Erlich of New York City.

The Millers attend Lakewood Baptist Church, where Butch has served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher. He is a Rotarian of the Gainesville Rotary Club and is a volunteer and board member of numerous non-profit and philanthropic causes.

Butch is a graduate of Buford High School and North Georgia College and State University.



Hunter Bicknell. Proven Performance.

Hunter Bicknell's record of pursuing and achieving the American Dream began at an early age as he watched his mother and father (an Air Force officer) embody the values of hard work, service to others and the protection of freedom and the American way. Lettering in high school football and baseball, Hunter entered the private sector upon graduation and began a career of entrepreneurial spirit at Tenneco Oil Company.

After earning enough money to cover his first semester's tuition and expenses, Hunter enrolled at Georgia State University where he earned his bachelor's degree while working as a Store Manager for the Sperry and Hutchinson Company (S&H). As a result of his hard work and perseverance, in less than six months Hunter was promoted to Assistant District Operations Manager where he was responsible for five Atlanta stores.

Working his way through college, Hunter graduated with his Bachelor's of Business Administration and was quickly promoted within S&H to District Operations Manager where he lead 22 stores to achieve private-sector success.

Recognizing his natural leadership and sound fiscal discipline, S&H asked Hunter to accept his next professional challenge and to earn his Master's degree. Hunter gladly accepted the call and received his MBA from Georgia State—continuing his lifelong dedication to achieving a higher standard through hard work.

Hunter worked his way up the corporate ladder to become the youngest Regional Vice President in the history of S&H. Removing corporate bureaucracy, delivering superior customer support and fostering efficiency—Hunter changed his region's organizational structure—leading to record profitability and a model that the entire organization began utilizing.

Hunter remained Regional VP for more than six years before following his entrepreneurial spirit to leave S&H to start a chain of Blimpie sandwich stores. It was during this time that Hunter began devoting a great deal of personal time toward philanthropic causes in his community. He volunteered as a youth football, baseball and basketball coach. He served as an officer for the local high school booster club, Vice President of the Touchdown Club and Treasurer for the Dugout Club. After successfully building a chain of restaurants and creating more than 60 private-sector jobs, Hunter sold the business and created another small business in the development industry.

Hunter ventured on as a residential homebuilder for three years and then formed Sky Access, an equipment rental company, which provided affordable and much needed rental equipment to the construction industry.

While serving as President of Sky Access, Hunter also served as Vice President-Commercial for Sky Climber, a construction equipment manufacturer with facilities in Stone Mountain, GA and Antwerp, Belgium.

In 2002, Hunter made a key decision to stay closer to home and began a fulltime role as Community Public Servant. Hunter began serving the citizens of Jackson County in various advisory and leadership positions such as the Jackson County Water and Sewer Authority, Upper Oconee Basin Water Authority, Jackson County Jail Advisory Committee, Jackson County Transportation Steering Committee, and the Jackson County Area Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Council. In 2008, Hunter ran and was elected Chairman of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners (JCBOC). Under his direction the JCBOC has:

- Balanced their budget every year since 2008 without a millage rate increase or a cut in services. They did this in the face of a declining tax digest, declining sales tax revenue and a drastic cut in fee income.



- Paid down Jackson County's debt by \$11.8 Million in just under three years.
- Restructured Jackson County's remaining debt to take advantage of lower interest rates. By scheduling the debt to be paid off sooner, the County will save millions of dollars in the future.
- Analyzed wasteful processes and inventory. Under Ricknell's direction, the County sold equipment that was under utilized realizing an almost \$2,000,000 return to taxpayers.

Hunter has been married for 45 years to his wife, Becky Benefield. They have two sons and one daughter and have been blessed with five grandchildren.

Hunter now hopes to take his experience and record of **Proven Performance** to Washington, DC to create positive and effective change for Georgians in the 9th District.





A real conservative, Martha Zoller is pro-business, pro-life, pro-gun, and pro-term limits. She supports limited government that is transparent and held accountable by the people. Martha supports real spending cuts, not clever accounting gimmicks, and believes the American people should have the opportunity to vote on a Balanced Budget Amendment. The daughter of a World War II POW, Martha supports our military and veterans, advocates for a strong national defense, and believes in tough foreign policy.

With real world experience in the corporate world and more recently in her husband's medical practice, Martha knows that Washington's anti-business, anti-growth, anti-jobs policies are bad for America. Martha wants to reduce regulations on American businesses, reform the U.S. Tax Code, and pass legislation that empowers job-creators. A signer of the 'Repeal Pledge', Martha will vote to repeal ObamaCare and will provide real healthcare reform solutions that enhance the doctor/patient relationship by making quality care accessible and affordable for all Americans.

For the last 15 years, Martha Zoller has been the voice of northeast Georgia. "The Martha Zoller Show" (WXKT FM 103.7) has featured countless local leaders, Congressmen, Senators, and Presidential candidates and landed Martha on Talker's Magazine "Heavy Hundred" Talk Show Hosts in America list and James' magazine list of the "Most Influential Georgians" year after year.

A regular panelist on Fox 5 Atlanta's The Georgia Gang, Martha has been seen on CNN, FNC and MSNBC and has appeared on ABC's World News Tonight, The Newshour, and on PBS and NBC's The Today Show. Martha is also a contributor to Human Events Online, Pajamas Media, Jewish World Review and other national publications. In between juggling her media career and family, Martha wrote her first book, *Indivisible: Uniting Values in a Divided America*, which was released in November 2005, and highlights the values that Americans share and how to leverage our commonalities to enhance the future of this great nation.

But Martha has done more than just talk. For the past 15 years, she's listened. And as Georgia's next Member of Congress from the 9th District, she will bring a megaphone to Washington to ensure that the voices of her constituents are always heard. Conservative, courageous, and committed, Martha Zoller is ready to take on Washington and the political establishment, and bring about the real change that the American people so desperately desire and deserve.



Political Candidate Questionnaire Responses

As part of the invitation to the Lake Lanier Association Annual Meeting, the LLA invited all the political candidates to submit written responses to the following questions. Responses received are included in this section.

1. What are your thoughts on raising the full pool level of Lake Lanier by 2 feet to increase storage by 26 million gallons?
2. What are the top three issues you would like to address in your position if you are elected to serve?
3. In your role as an elected official, how could Lake Lanier Association members and the organization assist you regarding water issues.



May 5, 2012
Mike Berg
Chairman, Dawson County Board of Commissioners

Lake Lanier Association Questions:

1. What are your thoughts on raising the full pool level of Lake Lanier by 2 feet to increase storage by 26 million gallons?

I presented this as a resolution to the Board of Commissioners in March of 2012 and it passed 4/0. I reside on the lake and believe raising the level is the best alternative.

2. What are the top three issues you would like to address in your position if you are elected to serve?

I am finishing my second term and Chairman. My vision and goals have not changed since I took office:

Vision: Dawson should be a place where we can work and play, enjoy the rural tapestry and still have the urban benefits.

Goals:

- a. A balanced tax base
 - b. Spend wisely
 - c. Planned growth
 - d. Modernize government
 - e. Communicate
3. In your role as an elected official, how could Lake Lanier Association members and the organization assist you regarding water issues.

Continue to be vigil on Lake issues, Continue to communicate and continue to organize shore sweeps which Dawson has participated in each year.



Dennis Brown for Commissioner District 2 Forsyth County

1. What are your thoughts on raising the full pool level of Lake Lanier by 2 feet to increase water storage by 26 billion gallons?

With the population increasing and with greater uncertainty of the climatological conditions in north Georgia (enduring drought conditions), I feel this is a good idea. Any disadvantages would be offset by having more of a water reserve in the event of a prolonged drought or order from the courts or Corps of Engineers.

2. What are the top three issues you would like to address in your position if you are elected to serve?

- (1) Water
- (2) Quality growth in the area (residential and business)
- (3) Lower taxes and less spending by government

3. In your role as an elected official, how could Lake Lanier Association members and the organization leadership assist you regarding water issues?

The Association is an excellent source of information and expert advice concerning all aspects of the Lake Lanier watershed and the surrounding communities. Sound information is the basis for making good informed decisions, and I would rely on the Association's experts to keep me up to date and informed concerning all ongoing and future issues affecting the stakeholders in the area.



Lake Lanier Association - Questions for Annual Meeting

Charles Meagher, Commission Candidate, District 4, Forsyth County

1. What are your thoughts on raising the full pool level of lake Lanier by 2 feet to increase water storage by 26 billion gallons?

I strongly support the idea of raising the pool level. I understand clearly that we are in the smallest watershed of the Chattahoochee River. I believe in and support water conservation. I am in general support of building reservoirs because I do not believe that our region's water issues can be solved by conservation alone.

2. What are the top three issues you would like to address in your position if you are elected to serve?

- I want to encourage the growth of quality businesses.
- I will strive to improve communication between constituents and elected officials and between the separate governments in Forsyth County. The time for bombast and bullying is over.
- I will strive to create a family-friendly environment through community asset enhancement.

3. In your role as an elected official, how could Lake Lanier Association members and the organization leadership assist you regarding water issues?

If elected, I will look to the leadership and membership of the LLA to provide guidance on water issues in relation to Forsyth County and the region. I fully recognize the knowledge, wisdom and passion LLA has in regards to the vital resource of water.



Cindy Mills
Forsyth County Commission Candidate – District 4

1. In theory, I think it would increase the full economic benefit of the lake if the pool level could be raised by 2 feet. I would think that with water being such a vital necessity and Lake Lanier being our main water resource, that a full impact study into raising the level would be beneficial to all parties concerned.
2. My top three issues to address if elected are:
 - A. I would like to cut wasteful spending and redundancy in services while retaining the quality of the service. I would like to remove layers of bureaucracy that would attract more businesses to come to Forsyth County and provide more jobs to our citizens. I want to get government out of the way of governing.
 - B. I would like to insure transparency in all facets of government that would make all components of taxpayer's dollars available and accountable to the taxpayer.
 - C. I would like to restore faith in government by treating my constituents and my fellow board members with the respect that they deserve, by making myself available to them and by dealing with their concerns openly and honestly.
3. I would love to work with the Lake Lanier Association in hearing their concerns and how the BOC can assist in their needs. I would seek their expertise and advice in dealing with issues about Lake Lanier and water quality.



Lake Lanier Association Candidate Questions

Bill Mulrooney

Raising Lake Lanier full pool level 2 feet:

I see very little downside to this proposal. Obviously water is a major concern for our county and any increase in storage capacity is a good thing. Plus I believe raising the lake level would have a positive economic impact.

Top three issues:

- 1) The homeowners of district 4 need responsible and ethical representation in their county government.
- 2) Forsyth County needs to become more self-reliant and not just a bedroom community of somewhere else. We need to attract employers, beyond just retail, that can provide families with real jobs for real wages.
- 3) Forsyth County needs to take a long term view in our financial planning. We need to provide the citizens with the quality services they deserve from their government. But we need to recognize the differences between 'wants' and 'needs'. We need to manage the county's responsibilities without incurring debt or raising taxes on property owners.

Assistance from Lake Lanier Association

I would expect to look to the LLA for counsel on issues relating to the lake. No one person can know everything, and good ideas come when everyone participates. I would hope that I could count on the experience and passion of the LLA.

I would also look to the LLA for support in petitioning the EPD to reallocate the water withdrawal permit to better reflect the demographics of the City of Cumming and Forsyth County. Plus I believe that Forsyth County needs to obtain its own permit for withdrawal from Lake Lanier. I would hope that I could depend on the LLA for their support in that effort.



Jim Boff
Forsyth County Commission Candidate – District 5

1. What are your thoughts on raising the full pool level of Lake Lanier by 2 feet to increase water storage by 26 billion gallons?

This of course is an excellent idea (I would like to see a 4 foot increase). The fact that the lake has hundreds of times been above this additional 2 foot level, the tremendous amount of water made available, the extremely low price, the very small change to any of the environments, and almost no change in operations make this a no brainer. If approved, I will work with local and state governments and regulators to make sure that this is implemented quickly, and cost effectively, with an eye toward payments coming from those entities which benefit from this increased level

2. What are the top three issues you would like to address in your position if you are elected to serve?

My guiding focus will be about helping/protecting homeowners. I want to see the plummeting house prices stop and values increase, while keeping as much of the tax burden as possible off the backs of the homeowners. I would also like to help businesses thrive. More clean water in the lake helps many of these in a cost effective way that is good for many homeowners and business and helps attract people from outside the county to enjoy our counties. Of course while they visit they have an opportunity to provide to our SPLOSTs.

My next focus is to keep Forsyth's taxes low or lower. Last year we did not have to raise the mileage rate even though our tax base shrunk about 6%. Believe it or not this is considered a tax decrease. We will be faced with challenges in the coming years about what to do with our greatly expanded and enhanced park and recreation system but I am determined to keep taxes low through effective use of the tax dollars.

I want to keep standards high. The county has done better than many. This is due to many factors, but one of the ones which we have good control over is the UDC. We have been and continue to be under pressure from developers and financial institutions to drop standards (they say because of financial times) however, the reason Forsyth has done better than many is because we have high standards. These standards, keep the better builders in the county, keep existing home prices higher and act as a bit of a lever to thwart overgrowth. Einstein said that the trick in life is to make everything as simple as possible but not simpler. We need to constantly look out for the false arguments which make destroy good standards.

3. In your role as an elected official, how could Lake Lanier Association members and the organization leadership assist you regarding water issues?

The LLA must continue to be a voice for the people who use the lake for recreational purposes. The only thing I would change about LLA is that I wish more people would contribute to it.





John Derucki - Republican for Forsyth County Commission, District 5

1. What are your thoughts on raising the full pool level of Lake Lanier by 2 feet to increase water storage by 26 billion gallons?

Raising the lake by two feet is the most rational, cost effective and expedient method for increasing our water storage for use in times of drought and low water flow. The 26 billion additional gallons is not the final solution to our water issues, but would go a long way toward providing water for recreational use, which translates to economic use, and drinking water.

Lake Lanier is a vital component to our regional economy and it is time that local elected officials help carry the torch in bringing a solution to a local problem. Local Leadership should follow the example of the Lake Lanier Association and step forward to work collaboratively with our state and congressional representatives to implement a commonsense plan for solving this water crisis.

2. What are the top three issues you would like to address in your position if you are elected to serve?

Quality job growth - As a small business owner, I understand the damaging effects that poor government decisions have on private-sector job creation. During uncertain economic times, now more than ever, Forsyth County must re-invent itself and learn to work effectively with quality businesses looking to invest in our local economy. We must streamline government, ensure the necessary transportation infrastructure and supply access to a quality work-force while providing the lowest taxes possible.

By working to reduce the bureaucratic red-tape choking small businesses, we can get Forsyth County back to work.

Protecting Lake Lanier - Lake Lanier is our most precious resource and it's time that Washington hears our voice and understands the impact lake levels have on jobs, spending and property values. With an economic impact of more than \$5 billion annually, we cannot afford to wait on Washington to resolve this critical issue. While some previous leaders have failed to achieve real solutions aimed toward protecting our local interests, I am committed to protecting this vital economic engine and our primary water source.

Eliminate Government Waste - I understand what it takes to maintain a budget and meet a



payroll. Much like I run my own business, I am committed to eliminating unnecessary government spending while ensuring the highest level of service to our customers - the Forsyth County taxpayer.

In order to attract quality employers, we must work to protect taxpayers from unnecessary tax burdens. This means offering not only the lowest tax rates in the region, but, also the lowest in the state and country. By eliminating wasteful government spending and removing the duplication of services in government, we can keep taxes low and attract the type of employers that promote our high-quality of life.

3. In your role as an elected official, how could Lake Lanier Association members and organization leadership assist you regarding water issues?

I will work with the Lake Lanier Association to foster a relationship that will connect a strong network of members to support sharing of information, develop strategies, and cultivate an understanding of the issues facing Lake Lanier.

This partnership will emphasize coordination among all public and private stakeholders. Together we can develop and implement educational programs and facilitate group communications that will create opportunities for increasing the understanding of the fundamental importance that Lake Lanier has on our local and regional success.



Jace Brooks --Candidate for Gwinnett County District 1 Commissioner.

1. I do support raising the full pool level. Protecting Lake Lanier should be a top priority for all of us in Georgia— particularly in this part of the state. All tri-state water negotiations should be based on the fact that Lake Lanier serves as a vital water source in this region. Before continuing any negotiations with other states, we should ensure that the lake is raised to full pull level.

I also support efforts by our state-level elected officials to build a reservoir system throughout North Georgia. This system would provide water resources even in a drought and would give us time to get Lanier up to full pool.

2. We need conservative leadership at the county level. I am the only candidate in this race with a proven record of lowering taxes, cutting spending, and growing our economy. With your support, I will get to work on the following conservative solutions:

- a. Restore Trust in our Gwinnett County Government by improving transparency and citizen engagement.
- b. Respect Taxpayers through greater financial restraint, cutting spending, and improving efficiency.
- c. Attract New Jobs and Lower Taxes through economic and tax policies designed to attract high paying private sector jobs.

3. Throughout my nearly 10 years as a Suwanee City Councilmember, I have been known for my attentiveness to citizens' concerns/issues and my desire to have them be an integral part of the planning processes. I look forward to working directly with the Lake Lanier Assoc. members and leadership. I would expect the Assoc. to provide important information regarding water issues and to be an important resource for water planning.



Mike Beaudreau – Gwinnett County Commission District 3

Question 1:

I fully support raising Lake Lanier's full pool level by two feet. In March, 2011, I joined the other members of the Gwinnett Board of Commissioners in passing a resolution in support of this effort and a companion resolution asking Congress to clarify that the use of Lake Lanier should include providing a supply of water to Gwinnett and the surrounding communities.

Question 2:

My top three issues with regards to Lake Lanier include continuing to support the raising of Lake Lanier's full pool level by two feet. I am also concerned about the water quality of the lake, since it supplies virtually all of Gwinnett County's water supply. Related to this is the discharge of waste water back into the lake. Gwinnett County has taken the lead in these two issues with the construction and operation of the Wayne Hill Water Reclamation Facility, which discharges up to 40 million gallons of wastewater per day that is cleaner than the discharge from similar facilities on the lake.

Question 3:

Lake Lanier is a critically important resource for Gwinnett residents, both as a source for drinking water and as a location where many in the county go to relax and enjoy themselves. With perhaps a final decision on the lake's uses coming soon, the Lake Lanier Association and elected officials need to have regular communications so we can have a unified voice on these issues.



Jerry Oberholtzer, PE - Candidate for Gwinnett County Commission 3rd District

What are your thoughts on raising the full pool level of Lake Lanier by 2 feet to increase water storage by 26 billion gallons?

I fully support any initiative to better secure Lake Lanier as a source of drinking water and recreation for our future generations. Increasing the lake level by two feet may incur substantial costs to retrofit the dam, docks, marinas, parks and other structures built to the current full pool level. Before I could support an increase in the lake level, I would need to review these costs as well as the costs of other alternatives. I want to be able to make a decision that best protects the interests of the taxpayers, water customers, lake landowners, and all those with a stake in Lake Lanier.

What are the top three issues you would like to address in your position if you are elected to serve?

Jobs, Traffic, and Development. The Lake Lanier region is a very important economic engine for Gwinnett County and the rest of northeast Georgia. Hundreds if not thousands of jobs depend on the economic viability of the lake, from the people who maintain the parks, to the police and rangers who keep the waters safe, and the giant tourism industry including numerous marinas, restaurants, and lake-related businesses. As a Gwinnett County Commissioner, I will work with our state leadership, neighboring cities and counties to come up with solutions to improve the infrastructure the lake economy depends on. This includes concise solutions to the traffic issues that plague this area. Highway 20 and interstate 985 need to be upgraded immediately and our development code in Gwinnett needs to promote new growth while protecting and enhancing our established community.

In your role as an elected official, how could Lake Lanier Association members and the organization leadership assist you regarding water issues?

As the biggest user of water from Lake Lanier, a healthy working relationship between Gwinnett County and the Lake Lanier Association is imperative. The tri-state water wars are a result of a failure to bring all sides together to come up with a plan to protect the interest of all stakeholders. On a smaller scale, it is important that Gwinnett County and all surrounding cities and counties have a strong working relationship with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Lake Lanier Association and all other stakeholders. I would hope that as a Gwinnett County Commissioner, I could work with the Association to protect the interests of both parties.



The lake interest questions are as follows:

- 1) What are your thoughts on raising the full pool of Lake Lanier by 2 feet to increase water storage by 26 billion gallons?

- a) I support raising the full pool of Lake Lanier from 1,071 to 1073. The cost factors of raising Lake Lanier by 2 feet are negligible compared to the costs of building a new reservoir. Lanier has been above 1073 more than 300 times since the lake has been built. Raising Lake Lanier 2 feet does help in forestalling Lanier reaching the extreme low levels that it did in droughts similar to the 2006-2008 drought.

The Economic Impact Study produced by the 1071 Coalition, documented the Lake Lanier recreation economy degrades sharply wherever the Lake drops to 1061 levels. Raising Lanier full pool by 2 feet would establish a way to extend the period Lake Lanier remains above the 1061 level for the economic well-being our North Georgia communities.

The Georgia legislature's fiscal 2012 budget includes \$2.14 million for a study of raising Lake Lanier by two feet.

Hopefully, the Lanier study will be completed quickly, resulting in positive recommendations to raise Lake Lanier full pool by 2 feet , with equally expedient legislative action to follow the study recommendations.

- 2) What are the top three issues you would like to address in your position if you are elected to serve?

- A) Return the power of county government to the citizens of Hall County.

- a. Live within our means.
- b. Reduce county debt (Hall County debt has increased more than \$70M in last 7 years, and the county debt is now over \$90M.)
- c. Bring Hall County together
- d. Develop strategic planning, transparency and accountability in Hall County capitol and larger financial projects and programs.
- e. Establish a log-term commitment and accountability to quality economic development planning.

- B) Create a cost/benefit analysis for the Glade Farm Reservoir.



- a. The 2009 decision by Senior Judge Paul Magnuson being overturned by the 2011 ruling by the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals.
 - b. The 2060 Hall County Water Needs Certification, a document used to support the need for the Glades Farm Reservoir water storage, is based on the ruling of Judge Magnuson. The 11th Circuit Court of appeals has made the 2060 report obsolete.
 - i. To substantiate the above statement, the 2060 report states on page 3 “Prior to the Magnuson Order, Hall County anticipated that withdrawals from Lake Lanier would supply a substantial portion of the Hall County Service Area’s future water needs.” Similar language is used in the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling.
 - c. Hall County citizens and Service Area need a cost/benefit analysis for the Glades Farm Reservoir based and long-term projection based on sound judgment to include how the reservoir is to be paid for, and its purpose. The taxpayers of Hall County do not need the \$400M cost of building the Glade Farm Reservoir place on them. Creative financing alternatives must be considered, if the project financing this project.
- C) Cedar Creek Reservoir. Disagreements concerning Cedar Creek exist between Hall County and Gainesville governments since 2006, with no solution forth coming. Negotiations between Hall County and Gainesville broke-down in 2009, but need to begin again soon. However, Hall County Commissioners must take personal interests and desires out the equation, and work instead for the best interests of Hall County.
- 3) In Your role as an elected official, how could Lake Lanier Association members and the organization leadership assist you regarding water issues?
- A) With the several water decisions facing Hall County governments, particularly as they relate to the tri-state water wars (Phase II), and issues regarding the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint (ACF) basin. The knowledge and expertise available within the Lake Lanier association would prove to be invaluable in the water discussion making, considerations, and how Lake Lanier will be affected in the future.



Eugene Moon for Commissioner, District 2

What are your thoughts on raising the full pool level of Lake Lanier by 2 feet to increase water storage by 26 billion gallons?

First and foremost I look at Lake Lanier as a water source to sustain life.

Secondly I look to Lake Lanier as a source of economic revenue for the area.

When elected I would be more than willing to call upon the Army Corps of Engineers and my contacts in Congress to begin adding to the storage capacities of Lake Lanier.

Before raising the pool we must first consider the financial impact to the marinas, rowing venue, Lake Lanier Islands, all parks, boat ramps and lake front property owners.

Based on the information I have been provided. The cost of increasing the lakes water capacity is minimal to the taxpayer compared to creating a new reservoir as with the proposed Glades reservoir in northern Hall County, which is an estimated 300 million dollars. With the Chattahoochee River being placed back on the endangered river list increasing pool capacity may be our only viable solution for the future.

What are the top three issues you would like to address in your position if you are elected to serve.

As an elected official my job is not to solve every problem. My job as a LEADER is to bring clarity to the issues at hand and influence others to achieve these goals within the bounds of the law.

Goals should be specific, realistic, timely and attainable.

3 Goals For Hall County.

1. Uniformity in assessed property values.

Currently tax assessments are 28% to high on average. These numbers are from a retail sales study that followed the guidelines set forth by the State of Georgia. We must have uniformity in assessments in order to properly budget for the future.

2. Lower Hall County water rates.

In 1997 Hall County contracted with the City of Gainesville to provide water to unincorporated areas of Hall County. The cost associated with this was to be paid for by all Hall County residents with City of Gainesville residents being exempt. In order to reduce these rates Hall County government must take an active role in the water ratio studies from which they have been absent from.

3. Collect local option sales tax from Georgia Department of Revenue.

The last study showed we had been shorted over a million dollars from the Georgia Department of Revenue. This is our hard earned tax dollars and the residents of Hall county should be getting back what is due.

In your role as an elected official, how could Lake Lanier Association members and the organization leadership assist you regarding water issues?

By bringing clarity to the issue on current and or proposed legislation that affects Lake Lanier, and its tributaries.



Commissioner Billy Powell
Hall County Commission

What are your thoughts on raising the full pool level of Lake Lanier by 2 feet to increase water storage by 26 billion gallons?

I support continued dialogue and scientific data study on the water storage issues, so long as each does not have a negative effect or place the state at a strategic disadvantage with the federal courts or adjoining states. With insufficient rainfall, the Corps of Engineers has been unable to manage a stable lake level or achieve a 'full pool' for years. Increasing water storage may eventually require Congressional action; conservation efforts throughout the watershed should be a priority of local governments.

What are the top three issues you would like to address in your position if you are elected to serve?

With respect to Lake Lanier, the top issues are conservation, regional basin cooperation and the continued progress on a reservoir as an alternate water supply source which, as hydrological models project for the long term, will help maintain adequate and enjoyable levels of Lake Lanier.

In your role as an elected official, how could Lake Lanier Association members and the organization leadership assist you regarding water issues?

Cooperation should be a priority of all interest groups and governing authorities. We must work and act according to reliable data and constructive input from various resources, and we must govern based upon the greater needs of all within the Lake Lanier region and entire watershed.



Jeff Stowe – Hall County Commissioner Post 4 Candidate

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to meet with your members at the Lake Lanier Association's Annual Meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 24, 2012. I regret that I will be unable to attend this gathering due to a prior commitment, but I will be happy to give you my thoughts on raising the full pool of Lake Lanier and give you some information regarding my campaign objectives that you may share with your members.

The health of Lake Lanier is of great concern to property owners, business owners, residents, and users of the lake. As a business owner, I support Lake Lanier Association's mission to protect Lake Lanier and its watershed ensuring the lake's economic value to Georgia. I applaud the association's efforts to preserve the quality and quantity of the water for all users who rely on the lake and its watershed to enhance their quality of life.

Lake Lanier has exceeded a level of 1073 many times in the past as a result of heavy spring rains, but these levels were maintained for a short period of time. Raising the normal full pool level of Lake Lanier by 2 feet could have an economic impact on residents, business owners, taxpayers and users of Lake Lanier. I fully support Gov. Nathan Deal's study to determine the long-term economic impact of such action and will be guided by the findings of this important study.

If elected, I would like to help create an atmosphere where city and county governments could work together to find ways of eliminating waste created by overlapping services. I would also provide transparency in the way the Hall County Commission conducts their business, and to work toward making Hall County a better place to live, work and play for all citizens.

In my role as an elected official, I would welcome input from the Lake Lanier Association and other organizations that serve as a voice of the citizens around Lake Lanier and across the region. Educational material such as the Lake Lanier Economic Analysis Report prepared by the Lake Lanier Association and other similar educational publications would provide a valuable resource in looking at a balanced approach to the water issues regarding Lake Lanier.

Sincerely,

Jeff Stowe



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Protecting Lake Lanier—a Vital Economic Engine

Lake Lanier is not only the primary source of our region's water supply; it is a primary economic engine for North Georgia and Forsyth County. With an economic impact of more than \$5 billion annually, Lake Lanier is a crown jewel. Our economy and way of life depends on protecting Lake Lanier's levels as well as preserving its environmental integrity.

1. What are your thoughts on raising the full pool level of Lake Lanier by 2 feet to increase water storage by 26 billion gallons?

I fully support increasing the lake level from 1,071' to 1,073' and will work with the other members of our state and federal delegation to protect Lake Lanier against outside influences attempting to destroy one of Georgia's most valuable assets. Creating a reservoir for an additional 26 billion gallons of water is not only common sense, but also its fiscally responsible.

2. What are the top three issues you would like to address in your position if you are elected to serve?

- **Protecting Lake Lanier and Raising the Full Pool Level by Two Feet**

- **Creating Private Sector Jobs and Opportunities for Economic Growth**

Small businesses are the lifeblood of our community. We must work to lower taxes and foster incentives aimed at growing our local economy and increasing the number of high-quality, high-paying jobs in our community. During a period of economic uncertainty, we must elect leaders who understand our local economy. As a small-business owner, I understand the damaging impact of bad legislation. While some politicians are focused on passing new laws, my first job in office is to work on repealing the current ones that are crippling our economy and limiting private sector job creation. It's time to get government out of the way so Georgia can get back to work.

- **Moving Forsyth County Forward**

Our district continues to experience rapid growth, resulting in gridlock that chokes our transportation infrastructure, weakens our economy and impacts our quality of life. Businesses depend on our transportation system to attract customers and deliver goods and services to consumers. Our traffic congestion puts local businesses at risk, reduces capital investment and jeopardizes sales tax revenue that our community depends on to keep property taxes low.

Time spent fighting traffic is time spent away from our families, businesses and charitable endeavors. We must develop new and innovative ways to improve our roads and decrease commuter times. A good start is to prioritize transportation spending, fast-track road improvements and hold transportation contractors responsible for unnecessary delays.

The successful reduction of traffic congestion in Forsyth County is going to take new ideas and bold energy, but with focused determination, we can do anything.



3. In your role as an elected official, how could Lake Lanier Association members and organization leadership assist you regarding water issues?

As a candidate for State Representative in a legislative district that borders Lake Lanier, I pledge to work with the Lake Lanier Association, other elected officials and stakeholders to preserve Lake Lanier not only for today but also for future generations.

Throughout my campaign and during my service as your State Representative, I invite you to come to me with your concerns and suggestions on a routine basis through one on one meetings and also with town hall style meetings to create an open exchange between your lake and your capitol.



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#1 I have always supported the raising of Lanier to 1073. I have supplied to the Lake Lanier Association a copy of the legislation that I introduced in the Senate in 2007, which was also my first bill of legislation. I have also supplied additional legislation which directly addresses this issue.

#2 Legislation which addresses the monitoring of the withdraws from Lanier. It would also include a reporting provision.

A study of the possible loss of potential new businesses to Georgia as it pertains to availability and cost of water.

One issue at the top of my priorities, not related to the lake, is the issue of compliance by health insurance companies in regard to their policies of delivery of services. Are they systematically rejecting claims that should be approved?

#3 The LLA, thru its leadership and annual meetings, has kept in contact with me since I have served in the Senate. I continue to receive vital information from the LLA, which I have and will use in considering legislative solutions to issues regarding Lake Lanier.



Kevin Tanner
Candidate for State House District 9

Questions for the Lake Lanier Association:

1) What are your thoughts on raising the full pool level by 2 ft to increase water storage by 26 billion gallons?

I strongly support raising the full pool level. Protecting Lake Lanier should be one of our top priorities in the state. The tri-state water negotiations need to be settled in a way that favors Lake Lanier as more than just a dam for navigation and flood control purposes. Lake Lanier serves as a vital water source and has a major regional impact on tourism and recreation. We need to all work together to ensure we get the lake to higher levels for these purposes. As the Dawson County Manager, I have worked with the Board of Commissioners to pass a resolution for the past two years encouraging this effort.

I will support the development of a reservoir system throughout north Georgia. This system could meet our water needs even in a drought and make us less reliant on a certain level at Lanier and give us time to raise Lanier to its top level.

All tri-state negotiations should be predicated on Lake Lanier being a vital water resource for our region and our state.

As a strong supporter of our rights as a state, you have my word I will do everything within my power to protect Georgia's resources from encroachment by the federal government or from other states.

2) What are the top 3 issues you would like to address in your position if you are elected to serve?

There are many important issues that need addressing in Georgia.

- **Jobs/Growing Our Economy.** I firmly believe Georgia can be the number 1 in the country in economic growth. However, to do so we must make Georgia more competitive in attracting companies to locate here. We need to pass reforms that will lower the tax burden on businesses, eliminate burdensome regulations and improve our education system to become more competitive with other states.
- **Reforming Government.** The General Assembly has done a good job in the last few years in cutting government spending and eliminating waste. My priority will be to ensure that as our economy improves, we do not return to our big spending ways of the past. I applaud the General Assembly for passing the Zero Based Budget bill this past session. We must hold all state agencies accountable for how they are spending our tax dollars. By doing so we can replenish our rainy day fund and return any surplus to the taxpayers.
- **Protect State's Rights.** I like James Madison recognize that our state government is the front line of defense against the continued encroachment by the federal government. I will stand



strong against any efforts to thwart our rights as a state-whether it be threats to our water resources like Lake Lanier or outrageous policies from Washington.

3) In your role as an elected official, how could Lake Lanier Association Members and the organization leadership assist you regarding water issues?

I have always been a big believer that effective leaders listen to different ideas. As a legislator, I would be open to your ideas and suggestions on how best to deal with the complexities of Lake Lanier, water resources and the tri-state water negotiations. Those of you in the Lake Lanier Association understand these issues better than anyone. I also would encourage you to continue to take a front row seat in these issues. As a single legislator or a single organization, it can be difficult to tackle these difficult issues. However, together we can bring about the positive change that will lead us forward as a state.



1. As a freshman Senator from the 49th district I made a formal request to appropriate \$2,000,000 to participate in a study to be conducted by the US Corp of Engineers on the prospect of raising Lake Lanier's water level 2 feet.

Over the past several years, there have been several Resolutions passed by the General Assembly urging the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to begin a study of the costs and effects of raising the full pool for Lake Lanier from 1,071 to 1,073 feet above sea level. The additional two feet would add roughly 26 billion gallons of water, exceeding the amount that could be stored in all proposed reservoirs combined. Lake Lanier is the largest reservoir on the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin (ACF).

The additional volume of water would protect all users of the resources of the ACF watershed by storing water for use during times of drought, providing safer recreational activities, and protecting the economic stability throughout the entire region.

The costs of raising the full pool level of Lake Lanier are minimal compared to building new reservoirs, and could be implemented within a year. Building new reservoirs will be extremely costly and take decades or longer.

2. There are many issues affecting Lake Lanier that require a strong voice from cohesive advocacy groups. We need to be heard on all issues including raising the full pool level, controlling silt from dredging that muddies the lake, and even controlling water quality from storm water runoff. It is our duty to make sure that the stewardship of Lake Lanier is more than just sufficient – it must be optimal.
3. Lake Lanier is a young lake considering that the Army Corps began construction on Lake Lanier in 1951- a little over 60 years ago. In 1957, there were close to 225,000 people who visited Lake Lanier, and today that number is over eight million annually. Additionally, Lake Lanier generates more than \$5 billion annually in economic impact.

As advocates and advocacy groups for Lake Lanier plan their future gatherings, I recommend that we all come together for a Lake Lanier Water Day at the State Capitol during the 2013 Legislative Session. We need to band together, raise awareness of the issues affecting Lake Lanier, and garner support from all members of the Georgia General Assembly to assist us in our endeavors to correctly manage and protect Lake Lanier.



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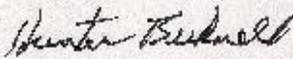
Dear Joanna,

Below are my answers regarding the Lake Lanier Association questions mailed earlier this month.

- 1) Raising the full pool by two feet is certainly something I would advocate. The more water storage capacity we have in periods of adequate rainfall, the better off we will be in periods of drought. We must fight to protect our natural resources and this includes doing all we can to keep Lake Lanier full. As your congressman, I will work hard to ensure our lake water stays a reliable source of drinking water in northeast Georgia.
- 2) The top three issues facing our country at this time are obviously our national debt, the economy and the sovereignty of our nation. First, I am a proponent of the Balanced Budget Amendment, in fact I am a member of the National Advisory Board for Pass the Balanced Budget Amendment. Another component of reducing our debt would be to study a complete overhaul and reform of federal departments and programs. We need to look at eliminating the Departments of Education, Energy and the EPA, and also look into an overhaul and complete reform of any federal assistance or welfare programs, including foreign aid. Secondly we must begin to fix our economy by reducing taxes on small businesses and families; I am a supporter of the FairTax and will proudly become a cosponsor on day one. Lastly, we must protect our nation from enemies domestic and abroad. We must protect our constitution from people whose concern is to defy our beliefs, freedoms and way of life.
- 3) As Congressman, one of my first orders of business will be to create coalitions and roundtables focused on the issues that are important to northeast Georgia, including our lakes. I would create a roundtable of business and community leaders whose focus would be to maintain a clean and reliable water source in northeast Georgia for generations to come. Having served on the Upper Oconee Basin Water Authority, the Oconee Basin Water Planning Council and as Chairman of the Jackson County Water and Sewer Authority I am well versed on the needs and demands for water in our region.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to share some of my views with you, I hope that you will research the candidates and make an informed decision, by voting for me on July 31.

Sincerely,



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Clifton McDuffie – Candidate U.S. Congress 9th District

Question 1:

What are your thoughts on raising the full pool level of Lake Lanier by two feet to increase water storage by 26 billion gallons?

I am for raising the Lake Lanier level by two feet. I am also for dredging appropriate areas of the lake which will create a lake within the lake, increasing volume while reducing sedimentation.

Question 2:

What are the top 3 issues you would like to address in your position if you are elected to serve?

1. I would immediately move to reduce government spending, including the elimination of waste and fraud. This will go hand in hand with the reduction of federal agencies or departments which are no longer necessary.
2. Introduce and pass a balance budget amendment.
3. Calculate a revised, simplistic tax code based on the government's new budget.

Question 3:

In your role as an elected official, how could Lake Lanier association members and the organization leadership assist you regarding water issues?

1. Have a straight line of communication between the Lake Lanier association executive director and the congressional office.

Attend functions and meetings that are sponsored by the Lake Lanier association. Basically, excellent communication, shared knowledge, strategic planning and in turn, optimal results.

As your congressman, I will be 100% supportive of a clean and full Lake Lanier.





Martha for Congress

Lake Lanier Association. Inc.

1. What are your thoughts on raising the full pool level of Lake Lanier by 2 feet to increase water storage by 26 billion gallons?

For the last five years, I have been an outspoken advocate for raising the full pool level of Lake Lanier by 2 feet. As a private citizen and a public servant, I will continue to work with local, state, and federal officials to increase water storage in Lake Lanier.

2. What are the top three issues you would like to address in your position if you are elected to serve?

- Dramatically reduce spending in Washington.
- Replace the current U.S. Tax Code with the FairTax.
- Repeal job-killing, anti-business regulations (i.e. ObamaCare, Dodd-Frank, Sarbanes-Oxley).

*Regulations regarding water and Lake Lanier have kept us from being able to progress with good water policy.

3. In your role as an elected official, how could Lake Lanier Association members and the organization leadership assist you regarding water issues?

In Congress, I will be hands on and available. From my weekly online town hall meetings mentioned in the M.A.P. for Prosperity to frequent visits to civic organizations throughout Georgia's 9th Congressional District, we will stay connected and will have plenty of opportunities to work together to solve various local, state, and federal issues.

I encourage members of the Lake Lanier Association to be a part of my campaign, the transition into office, and my time in Congress to ensure that we are always working in tandem on behalf of our community, our state, and our country. Water policy will be a key part of the regulatory component of my campaign and the Lake Lanier Association will be a key tool in staying up to date on the issues facing us relating to Lake Lanier.

