



Lake Claire November Meeting—Elections

The Lake Claire Neighbors (LCN) Executive Committee elections will be held at the meeting this month, November 17. Lake Claire's monthly meetings are on the third Thursdays, in the Rose Room at the Frazer Center: 7 p.m. socialize, 7:15 meeting. Savage provides free pizza for the meetings.

If you attend no other LCN meeting of the year, come to this one and make your voice heard in electing our leadership— and of course, come to the annual Christmas/Holiday party on Thursday, December 15. There is no business meeting in December.



Coming Next Month—
Lake Claire Annual Party/Dec. 15

Halloween Party

One of Lake Claire's signature parties of the year, The Annual Lake Claire Halloween Parade and Party, was held on October 29. As the November Clarion goes to press before that, we will feature some highlights

of the Halloween party and parade next month (December). Thanks to everyone (we'll include specifics next month) who helped make this wonderful Lake Claire event even more super-spooktacular.

Sleepy Clifton Sanctuary Hollow

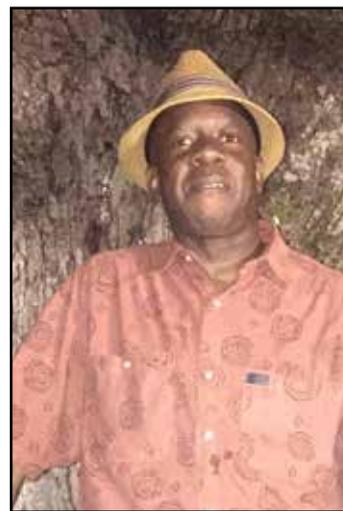
by Robert Bryan Davis

Anthony Bligen (pictured) was a guest at Clifton Sanctuary Ministries. He found a place to live last week. He attended the computer sessions I monitor on Tuesday evenings at CSM. He and a fellow guest were curious about what I do, and I shared that I pursue an acting career in theatre, film, tv, and industrial video. They wanted to check it out.

So I took them downtown to Central Casting, an extras casting company that hires people to fill background persons in film and television here in Atlanta, L.A., and New York. I told them more than once, this is not a good career move. But they wanted to try it out.

Two weeks ago, Anthony got a call from Central Casting. **They wanted him for episode 405 of Sleepy Hollow in Conyers!** I had told Anthony I would get him to his first job when it came through, so Anthony and I took off to Conyers one late September Friday. I spent the day in Olde Town Conyers working on

my computer—I also create web sites and do computer support for various companies in town. Anthony spent the day on set. And had a blast. He participated in a



scene where he celebrated something that happened to a main character. I think he will make the cut; that is, you might see him hugging the person in the episode. I hope. Watch episode 405.

The night before... I picked up Anthony at 10:30 on Friday morning. My

agent had sent me an audition notice the night before at 10 p.m., and the tape was due at 4 p.m. the next day. I couldn't go to the taping service I use; I had to tape it some time that day. So I asked Anthony to help me out. But then he told me about his day. His shift began at 3 a.m. Friday morning. MARTA shuts down at 2 a.m., so he left Clifton Sanctuary at 10 PM Thursday night. He got to Lindbergh station 3 hours before his shift, so he decided to ride the train a couple of hours to bide some time. He was down at the airport around the 2 a.m. hour. He missed the last train north. He called his work and told them he could not get there at 3 a.m., but could once MARTA began its day. Anthony waited for MARTA to open for the day. He knocked on work's door at 5 a.m. He worked the rest of his shift from 5 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. when I picked him up. I had handed Anthony my audition script when he got

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2016 Proposed Constitutional Amendments and Ballot Questions

There are several amendments on the ballot on November 8, and Stacy Abrams, long a friend of Lake Claire, provided her valuable opinions and explanations, but we were short on space. Before you vote, please see staceyabrams.com/2016_Constitutional_Amendment_Questions.pdf for further explanation about all of these and to help you have all the information on these important issues.

AMENDMENT 1: Creates the Opportunity School District, which allows the Governor to take over struggling schools. A constitutional amendment that would allow the General Assembly to authorize the establishment of an Opportunity School

District (OSD) to provide for state interventions for struggling schools. Stacey will vote **NO**.

AMENDMENT 2: Creates a dedicated source of state funding on behalf of victims of human trafficking to support housing, counseling and medical treatment. Stacy voted in favor of the amendment and will vote **YES** on Amendment 2.

AMENDMENT 3: Changes oversight of judicial conduct to give greater authority to the state legislature. Stacy voted against the amendment and will vote **NO** on Amendment 3.

AMENDMENT 4: Creates a dedicated source of state fund-

ing from fireworks sales taxes to support trauma care, fire protection services and public safety. Stacy voted in favor of the amendment and will vote **YES** on Amendment 4.

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NOVEMBER

4 5:30 to 9 pm, Great Event for kids/Benefit at the Land Trust, please see details on Page 7.

5 & 19 Land Trust drum circles, see p 7.

6 Frazer Center Fall Fest, 2 to 4 pm—The Cator Woolford Gardens at the Frazer Center—1815 S. Ponce De Leon Ave. NE, Atlanta, GA 30307. Cost: \$20 per family or \$5 per person—tickets online at www.frazercenter.org/fallfest2016 or day of at registration

8 The Sierra Club, 2nd Tuesdays, sierraclub.org/georgia/atlanta

16 Mary Lin monthly dine-out at our favorite kids-always-eat-free Flying Biscuit, 3rd Wednesday of every month. Simply show up for dinner and **mention Mary Lin**, and Flying Biscuit's management will generously donate 5% of your ticket to the Mary Lin Education Foundation.

17 Lake Claire monthly meeting— and every 3rd Thursday, in the Rose Room at The Frazer Center, 7 p.m. socialize, 7:15 meeting. Pizza provided free from Savage (**THANKS, SAVAGE!**)

Lake Claire softball team's remaining games:
 Playoffs—10/31, 11/1, 11/7, 11/8, 11/14; Finals—11/15.
 See article in last month's issue.

Send calendar entries for the DECEMBER 2016 Clarion by NOVEMBER 15 to editor@lakeclaire.org

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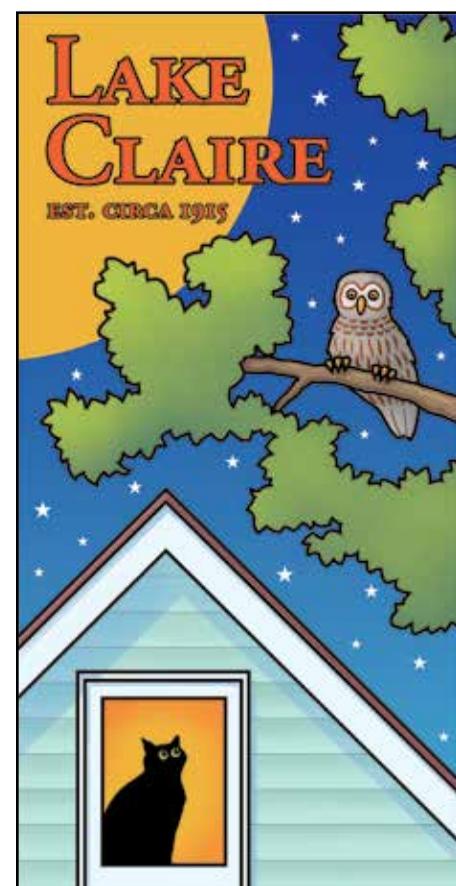
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Our Lake Claire banner, pictured below, is only \$40, but we have a great discount deal of paying yearly dues (\$20) to get the banner for only \$35 – i.e., both dues and banner for only \$55. There is no shipping charge. We'll send it by mail or drop it off at your house. You may purchase by PayPal on the website, where you can also buy LC hats and shirts. Thanks to Leslie Hodges, the artist.



The actual cat in the banner, "Kitty" with Leslie (artist, left) and Danny



Sleepy Hollow

Continued from page 1.

in the car. When I heard his day's story, I ripped the script from his hand and told him to put his chair back and get some sleep on the ride to set. He agreed.

Casting called, and told us that Anthony's call time had been pushed back to 1 p.m., so we found an Outback Steakhouse near set and ate some lunch. I found a wall on the back side of the restaurant away from the highway noise to shoot my audition. After lunch, Anthony ran the camera and spoke the other character's lines, and we got my audition done. We went to set, and Anthony was outfitted for his scene. I took off to Olde Town Conyers. Edited my audition and sent it in. I picked up Anthony at 9 p.m. Anthony was up for more than 24 hours. *Without a complaint.*

I ate breakfast with some old

friends earlier that Friday. We talked about our children. My friend's kids are applying for college, in college, or just out getting jobs. We talked about how hard it is to get in a good school; how hard it is to afford college; how hard it is to get a good job.

Our stories fascinate me. We are all so different, but all so much alike. Perhaps the next time you see someone on the street, you might be looking at someone that doesn't have a car, works a night shift, is dog-tired, just trying to make it. Struggling much like you or I. In many different ways. We are all one. We are all many.

Robert Bryan Davis is Lake Claire's representative to Clifton Sanctuary Ministries. CSM is a valued Lake Claire Neighbor.

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Principal Forum

by Annsley Klehr

On September 14, the Grady Principals, sponsored by CINS (Council of Intown Neighborhoods and Schools), spoke at Morningside Elementary about what is happening at their schools and answered audience questions. Here is a quick recap of what is going on with our cluster schools.

Sharyn Briscoe, Principal at **Mary Lin Elementary** gave a brief summary of the school, with an enrollment projection of 637 students, which is not at full capacity. Briscoe touted that her school won the Governor Silver Award for the GA Milestones Achievement Test. The Mary Lin Foundation got revamped this year and now has a Capital Campaign called the Rocket Fuel Fund (see last month's Clarion for details). They have already begun work on strategic planning for the following year, focusing on students who aren't meeting proficiency.

Morningside Elementary (MES), Principal Audrey Sofianos, explained that in 2015 there were 816 enrolled students with a projection of 843; today there are 883 students! Sofianos expressed enthusiasm at being awarded the highest performance and greatest gain at the platinum level for the GA Milestones Test. Its goal was to have all students achieving. To maintain the school's priority for small class sizes, flex dollars were used to purchase a classroom teacher and two early-intervention teachers. She discussed average class sizes and renovations using SPLOST dollars. The PTA was able to purchase 180 Chrome Books hoping to use technology to meet each child at his/her level. The MES Foundation autho-

rized \$80,000 for Orton Gillingham professional development as well as two tutors in k-2 to focus on differentiation. As the third largest elementary school in the district, MES received an additional office clerk and has two assistant principals. The school's largest challenge is get accurate growth projections going forward.

Springdale Park Elementary School's (SPARK) new principal Terry Harness spoke, praising his well-rounded, gifted, kind students and teachers going above and beyond the call of duty. He noted his governance board is highly participatory, pushing him to rise to the challenge. SPARK's strategic initiative is to have all students progress in all subject areas. Along with the district's Social Emotional Learning (SEL) platform, SPARK's focus is on the whole child. Wednesday nights are homework free so that families can spend time together. They have gold status in the CCRPI scores, 680 students enrolled, and are preparing for an autism unit as soon as it finds a teacher who is the right fit.

Hope Hill's principal Maureen Wheeler detailed HH achievement and its progress in the goal to be the choice school in the community for ALL students. HH's volunteer base has grown from 12-15 to over 120 volunteers in the past four years. Hope Hill's report card states that it is performing 93% better in growth compared to the other schools in the state. Wheeler credits part of its progress to academic mentors. With a projected population of 419 students, its actual enrollment is 437 (including pre-K). Its Foundation brought in almost \$40,000 from

its Old Fourth Ward 5K. Its Title I money was used to buy Chrome Books. Their philosophy is to teach, assess, re-teach, assess. In addition to everything they do in the school, they have an outreach program.

Grady's spokesperson was its new interim principal, Betsy Bockman, former Inman Middle School Principal. She noted that she spent the majority of her first few days watching, observing, tweaking, reminding students about various rules, including not having ear buds in during class and figuring out the boundaries of cell phone use. There are 1350 students enrolled with over half the population not coming from Inman. She is working on remedying their "tardies." She also noted that Grady is in danger of losing its Title I status by next year. Grady is working on bridging the transition from middle school to high school including but not limited to sports teams, debate, etc.

Inman Middle School's assistant principal, Emily Boatright, has assumed the role of interim principal. They have a population of 1093, with their largest classes hovering around 340 students! They have four teaching teams and two special education teachers per grade level. Inman lost its Title I funding in March of 2016, reminding them the important role of its Foundation. On Inman's academic report card it was awarded the Silver Award (top 50%) with 99% of its students growing at the expected rate or higher.

Centennial Academy, a conversion charter school, rounded up the discussion. Advancement Coordinator, Tequila Lamar noted the goal is

each child's reaching his/her potential, and developing critical thinkers within a culture of opportunity and discovery. Centennial has 776 students in K-8th grades. It partners with GA Natural Gas; GA Aquarium for daily gifted instruction; GA Tech for tutoring and professional development; the YMCA for afterschool programming and bridging the gap to Kindergarten. Centennial administration is divided into academic affairs and student life with a K-2nd academy, a 3rd-5th middle grades academy, and a 6th-8th grade academy. Each academy has a counselor as well as an academic coordinator with a specific academic specialty. The school has 8 teachers who have engaged in training for project based learning and supporting other teachers in building. One of their struggles is that it goes up through 8th grade, but is the same size building as it was when it was just K-5th grade. Its attendance zone is within APS, but then a lottery system is used for the remaining students; the enrollment numbers change daily due to its transient population. Centennial has been partnering with APS and the Bethune Elementary Campus as one of its solutions. The school's middle schools had the highest gain for the APS Milestones middle schools. As it looks to the future, its improvement plan includes using digital portfolios, beefing up its mathematics, working on transition to high schools since not all students are within the attendance zone, and to continue with project based learning.

Annsley Klehr is the Lake Claire Neighbors Education Chair.



Hello...Safe Journey Skiing in and around Lake Claire

November Birthdays

Nov. 1	Jane Merkle (Connecticut)	Nov. 14	Marilyn Schertz (Arizona)
Nov. 2	Woody Spivey (Harold) turns 8	Nov. 15	Aileen Mary Styczynsk—
Nov. 3	Seija Olson—(Leonardo) turning 4	Nov. 15	3 years old (Harold)
Nov. 6	Cora Elisabeth Weeks (Leonardo) turns 1 (and Elizabeth & Andy have been in LC a year!)	Nov. 18	and Bob Thompson (Harold)
Nov. 7	Sue McAvoy (Leonardo)	Nov. 18	Debbie Livingston (Arizona)
Nov. 8	Eli Golden (Harold) - turns 4!	Nov. 19	Sarah Shalf (Harold)
Nov. 10	Avery James Cooper -3 years old (Leonardo)	Nov. 24	Anne d'Agostino (Connecticut)
Nov. 11	Susan Ledbetter (McLendon)	Nov. 26	Gobble, gobble
		Nov. 30	Sam Haggerty (Harold) - 9 years old

And a bit belatedly: Happy birthday, Wing! 60! October 27!

Thanks for Paying Your 2016 Neighborhood Dues

Lake Claire dues payers since last month are Lacy Ingram, Jonathan Lurick, Albert Abalo, Sherry Nemeth, and Martha Grover—**Thanks, all of you!**

If we have missed anyone who paid your dues who hasn't been featured in another Clarion, please be sure to let us know at editor@lakeclaire.org. We appreciate your support of our many wonderful neighborhood initiatives, including green spaces, worthy organizations, and fun events...

How to Pay?—Mail a check to Lake Claire Neighbors, c/o Treasurer, P.O. Box 5942, Atlanta, GA 31107, or go to www.lakeclaire.org/lcn/members.htm. If you haven't contributed, there is still time to help keep neighborhood coffers in the **black**—AND to become famous in the Clarion!

Wild in Lake Claire

by Carol Vanderschaaf

And I am going a little wild myself... *"Delicious autumn! My very soul is wedded to it, and if I were a bird I would fly about the earth seeking the successive autumns."*

~ George Eliot

Well, I digress....

Here's a little neighborhood drama as reported by Bernard S. on Indiana Ave. "I was working on my front porch when I heard a loud buzz. Eventually I found that it was a hornet caught in a spider web between the house and the porch. The spider was staying clear, adding threads around the wasp, until it felt like it was good enough. It circled its prey which was struggling mightily, trashing the web. Then, the spider must have felt that it had a good angle and ran to the hornet to sting it. I didn't quite see what happened (because it went so fast) but the spider fell off the web, dead, and the hornet freed itself. I was **Cont. on p 5.**

Keeping An Eye on the Crime and the Time:

Lake Claire Security Report, August 21 - September 3 (2 weeks)

Thankfully, there are no incidents of crime to report. Statistics show that Lake Claire's crime rate has dropped significantly since the Candler Park/Lake Claire Security Patrol began a year ago. From January 1 through September 3 of this year there were 25 incidents compared to 60 during the same period in 2015. That's about a 58% drop!! **Since the patrol is an obvious benefit to our neighborhood, we would encourage everyone to renew your membership or join the patrol at www.cplcpatrol.com**

Also, don't forget to register your home alarm! As an Atlanta homeowner you are required to register your alarm system online with Crywolf (www.crywolfservices.com/atlantaga) or by calling 1-855-725-7102 (or you'll be fined \$150). Registering your alarm system is part of an ordinance that's designed to not only lower false alarms in the City of Atlanta but reduce the time and effort needed to process false alarm fines. See atlantafalsealarms@atlantaga.gov.



The Clarion is thankful...for our delivery volunteers --The "Clarion carriers," some of whom have been volunteering with the Clarion for many years, and who the first week of every month make a supreme effort to get the paper to your door within a week of its being printed and distributed;

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... for Stephen Wing, Elizabeth Knowlton, Kathie Ryan, Robert Bryan Davis, and Carol Vanderschaaf, regular contributors;

....to all the young readers who have contributed to the Kids' Corner page;

...for Leslie Hodges, for the Lake Claire banner

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Much appreciation to all of these & to all volunteers on all initiatives in Lake Claire that add to our wonderful neighborhood!

With apologies to whomever I may have missed, thank you and Happy Thanksgiving, Lake Claire.

~ Warmly, Beth Damon

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The Garden November into December

by Elizabeth Knowlton

Although this is a gardening column, I will begin talking about chickens because many people keep a few in their backyards these days. I know your chickens enjoy the good life with sunshine and fresh air, real soil under their feet, and so forth, but they are still at risk for avian influenza. Chickens contract it from wild birds that are infected, and bird migration season is a prime time for its spread. *The Farmers and Consumers Market Bulletin* reminds us that it can also be disseminated "through contact with contaminated surfaces and materials. The virus can travel on manure, egg flats, crates, trucks, trailers, and people who carry the virus on their clothing, shoes, or hands." (Oct. 12, 2016, pp. 1 and 7) Unless you are letting your chickens have sleep-overs, I should think they are pretty safe in their coops as long as you are sure you are not carrying the virus (in or out). Perhaps putting disposable bags over your shoes when you enter the coop and remembering to wash your hands before and after would be sufficient.

There is an Avian Influenza Decision Guide for Small Flocks form at extension.uga.edu/topics/poultry/avian-flu/documents/Small-Flock-

Decision-Guide-fillable.pdf if you think your birds might be ill. You can also call the Agriculture Dept.'s AI Hotline at 855-491-1432. This is a serious issue because our state is the largest producer of chickens, and any virus set loose within an agro-factory of poultry (regardless of how we view them) has huge economic repercussions for many farmers.

The Market Bulletin, which I have mentioned before, is a great resource for us in Atlanta, no matter how large or small our plot. The most recent issue also has an article on how solar power can bring affordable energy to farmers by way of panels on trailers that can be moved around the farm depending on where electricity is needed at different times of the year. The panels are set at a 25-degree pitch, "optimal for capturing the greatest amount of sunlight in the Southeastern United States." (p. 12) Good to know when we are thinking about solar on our rooftops. And every issue contains "Arty's Garden," a column for the home gardener, this issue giving us information to make our gardens more receptive to pollinators such as bees. There are 542 species of na-

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Wild In Lake Claire

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shocked. I had always assumed that anything that fell into a spider web was history. There is still a danger for the predator. It's a jungle out there." (Editor: so don't watch ID's "The Nightmare Next Door.")

Dorothy D. on McLendon reports: "I saw a hawk sitting on my bird-bath! Red shouldered, I believe." That must be quite a bird bath!

Meta L. spotted a beaver in Candler Park Pond in the middle of September. Meta also reported a coyote being seen on October 10 in a backyard on Artwood, near Fernbank Woods. Meta reminded me how I went with her to record coyotes in this backyard a couple of years ago. When police sirens answering a call (elsewhere) began, a whole chorus of howls began as well. Heard but not seen.

Bernard S. also reports that a neighbor on McLendon was testing a camera system for the Land Trust a couple months ago. He installed the cameras facing his backyard. The next morning, he checked for activity the previous night and saw a coyote walking calmly across his yard at 5 a.m.

And Meta L. forwarded this information about the Paideia School Birding club walks: On September 24 the club had a walk on the wetlands area of the Candler Park golf course. They saw: Turkey Vul-

ture, Red-shouldered Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Pileated Woodpecker (heard), an American Redstart and a Yellow-throated Warbler still in breeding plumage. Meta noted a hawk in on Golf Course. Kingfisher was active, and lovely humming birds a week or so ago early October. Their next outing on October 8 was at Fernbank Forest. Highlights included: Cooper's Hawk, Belted Kingfisher, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Eastern Bluebird, and the gorgeous Red-headed Woodpecker. Meta sent a movie of deer running through Lullwater Park in October. Wish I could show them here!

Now for an item of special interest (to me). I'm sure everyone is aware of our declining Monarch butterfly population. But did you know that there is actually something you can do about it? Spread pesticides in your yard to kill all your milkweed. Whoa, I think a Frackula just took over my brain. You need to do **just the opposite** of those thoughts the Frakula instills in your mind! You need to **grow milkweed**, and stop using pesticides!

There has been a 96% loss of Monarchs over a 20-year period. Monarchs must have milkweed. No milkweed = no monarchs. For your further information many localities treat the plant like a weed and de-

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Land Trust Compost Project!

by Corinne Coe

Terra Nova Compost and the **Lake Claire Community Land Trust** are pleased to introduce the **Lake Claire Compost Project**. A new rodent-proof three bin compost system was constructed in June, and we've been making compost ever since! There are two ways to get involved: Land Trust members, gardeners, and neighbors can divert their kitchen scraps from the landfill and build soil locally by signing up for the weekly food scrap drop-off program. It's free, easy,

and fun and educational for children and families. Food scraps are composted on-site and returned to the Land Trust's Community Garden. Our composters (microbes, worms, fungi) are vegan, but they love coffee grounds and egg shells! Email us at info@terranoacompost.com for more details or to sign up. Another option is the monthly Land Trust compost pile-turn. The second Saturday of every month, volunteers meet at the compost pile at 10 a.m. to turn one or two compost piles.

If there is compost ready to sift, it will be sifted and shared with Land Trust gardeners. This is a great way to get hands-on experience composting and have your compost questions answered by Terra Nova Compost or Terra Nova Compost's Community Compost Advocates! No need to RSVP but if you have questions, email us at info@terranoacompost.com. Until then, don't forget your ABC... **Always Be Composting.**

Calling All Neighborhood Artists & Craftspeople!

Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale, Sat., December 3 10-4

by Miriam Herbers

For the first time the Lake Claire Land Trust is pleased to announce collaboration with the Lake Claire Neighborhood organization (Lake Claire Neighbors—LCN) to have the biggest yet Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale.

Each year we need a little more room as more artists participate. We think you will all be pleased with this year's location in the beautiful natural light atrium of the Frazer Center. There is plenty of room for artists.

The children's section will be expanded. The Frazer adults in the Day program are being invited too. The Frazer Center is an easy walk, but parking is easy for those who cannot.

As always, 75% of all sales is the artist's to keep. The LCCLT and LCN will split the remaining 25%. As in the past this will be a fun event where everybody gains.

This is your reminder to save the date **and** to start

making your beautiful handiwork! Soon after the election we will send specific information to those who have participated in the past and to all new participants -- which I hope are many. Tell your friends they are welcome to sell -- and buy. Contact Miriam Herbers at mherbers@yahoo.com or Pen Sherwood at aprilstar64@yahoo.com if you wish to participate as one of the artists.



A recent Land Trust guest, Andrew Espada, drew this, saying "I did the piece because of how inspired I was and how much I fell in love with the Trust. Thank you so much."

Nov. 5 & 19: Land Trust drum circles.

See lcclt.org/calendar/drum-circle

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Benefit for Tanzanian Schoolkids at the Land Trust, Friday, Nov. 4

by Louisa Merchant

Hi Lake Claire, I am the director of Refugee Ministries for All Saints' Episcopal Church. Father Emmanuel Bwatta is a visiting priest who is here for a year serving at All Saints' and getting an MA from Columbia Theological Seminary. Father Emmanuel lives in Tanzania, where only 40% of the children of his country attend school, due to the \$100 school fee that includes a uniform fee, which most families cannot pay. This is common in many African countries.

The concept of being denied free education really is astonishing. We decided the least we could do is send 50 kids to school, which means a fundraising goal of \$5000. It is a rare opportunity per-

sonally to know someone who is trustworthy and can give these funds directly to the recipients without any organizational costs. Funds will be held in an account at All Saints' until Father Emmanuel returns home in the spring to disseminate them. Father Emmanuel will speak at the event about his country and the educational obstacles for children. I will provide tax letters for donations of \$25 or more through All Saints', not including the \$10 entry fee for the event.

This is a family-friendly event, and children of all ages are welcome. It will begin at 5:30 pm and go to 9:00, with story-telling, acoustic music, Karaoke, and s'mores. We will have a food truck so that people

can purchase food independently, cutting down our costs and maximizing the amount of funds for the children. This event is open to the whole community. Please spread the word! If people want to donate to the Tanzanian Education Fund at any time, they can go to www.allsaintsatlanta.org and choose the "Stewardship" tab, select "Give a Gift" and designate Refugee Ministries. In the comment section say "Tanzanian Education Fund."

I am thankful to the Land Trust community for the wonderful work they do providing a wonderful, special outdoor place that keeps children and families grounded in community.



LAKE CLAIRE KIDS' CORNER



Generally, this series is fun and a way for young Clarion readers/writers/artists to participate. This month, however, we didn't have a writer under 16, but we are featuring someone under 15, swimmer

Lindsay Schroeder. Congrats, Lindsay!! Hey there, Lake Claire kids, let's hear from you – we want your accomplishments (it could be swimming and other sports or chess – it's for you)—and your

creativity on this page. Submit articles, poetry, drawings, your original puzzles, etc., to editor@lakeclaire.org. We'd love to hear from you.

Lake Claire Teen Swims 5K to Raise Funds for Cancer Research

by Melissa Thurmond

Lindsay Schroeder (14) of Lake Claire joined teammates from Dekalb Aquatics Swim Team to participate in the *Swim Across America Open Water 5K* at Lake Lanier September 17. This event and others like it held across the country raise crucial funds for cancer research and eradication while promoting the sport of Open Water Swimming. To date, the 2016 Atlanta Open Water Swim has raised \$406,055.14, exceeding its goal of \$400,000, to benefit the AFLAC Cancer and Blood Disorders Center at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

Lake Claire's Schroeder was among the younger competitors in the 5K swim but



finished in a time of 1:05.42, 11th among female swimmers under age 18 and 57th overall. A distance swimming standout for most of her career, Schroeder enjoys the challenge of open-water swimming and was particularly excited to compete with two-time Olympian, Missy Franklin. Franklin joined several former Olympians at the

weekend event, visiting the pediatric patients at the Aflac Center and participating in the Open Water Swim.

Melissa Wilborn, Head Coach at Dekalb Aquatics, praised her swimmers for undertaking this challenge and raising money for cancer research: "We strive to instill in our athletes the value of giving back to

the community in all aspects of life, and the drive and determination shown by these swimmers demonstrates exactly what our team values most."

Schroeder got her start in competitive swimming on the Lake Claire Wahoo summer league swim team when she was five years

old and joined Dekalb Aquatics (DAQ) when she was six. She holds several team records for both teams and has qualified for numerous state and regional championships as a member of DAQ.

For more information about the Swim Across America Initiatives and to donate to their causes, visit their website at www.swimacrossamerica.org.

Wild In Lake Claire

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stroy it. Herbicides destroy both the milkweed and adult nectaring plants. This habitat destruction happens in public parks, highways, on farms, and in residential areas. **GROW MORE MILKWEED!** And not just any milkweed. The milkweed must be native. Two native milkweeds most recommended by Georgia environmental groups, swamp milkweed, *Asclepias incarnate*, and butterfly weed, *Asclepias tuberosa*. Swamp milkweed has a pink/purple flower, and butterfly milkweed is bright orange. Now whatever you do keep a stake handy in case *Fracula* attempts to drain you, and head toward the net to learn more about milkweed and Monarchs. Take the word of Flora

Fauna, MMAM (more milkweed and Monarchs) will keep you on the right path.

And I very much want to thank all of those who contributed to the column this month. With the coming of fall, my thoughts turn to Edna St. Vincent Millay:

"Long have I known a glory in it all, But never knew I this; Here such a passion is...as stretcheth me apart,—Lord, I do fear— Thou'st made the world too beautiful this year;

My soul is all but out of me,—let fall No burning leaf; prithee, let no bird call."

~ Flora Fauna, from deep in the autumn leaves.....



CONGRATULATIONS!

Michael McGill on Delaware found the hidden pumpkin from October. Michael is 9 years old and in the 4th grade at ANCS (Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School). Michael is an avid basketball player, as evidenced here. He is also a frequent volunteer for the neighborhood, including helping with Clarion delivery.

NEW CONTEST:

It's NOVEMBER—and the first thing many of us think of is Thanksgiving! Somewhere in this issue, find the happy turkey to have your picture in the next Clarion. For extra credit, tell us what you are thankful for. The extra-credit prize is to have your art or writing featured in a future Clarion. Any child from Lake Claire is eligible, except that you can't win two months in a row. Hurry and look; competition is always stiff for this coveted prize!

Gardening

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ive Georgia bees. They need all the encouragement we can give, since honey bees are in decline from pesticides. I was delighted to see that blue mistflower, a "weed" that seeds itself all over our yards and needs little water, was on the list of flowers to grow. You probably do not even need to plant it. Finally, *The Bulletin* has great recipes—www.agr.georgia.gov.

As I said last month, watch the weather carefully, and do not plant your bulbs while it is warm and rainy. Since we have been in a drought for months (succinctly stated in *Atlanta InTown* by Sally Bethea, the great retired director of Chattahoochee Riverkeeper), that hardly seems to be a problem this year, but Georgia has a climate of extremes, all or nothing, no matter what it is. Last year we had 9.2" of rain in the first ten days of November with highs ranging from 50 to 75. Mush, mush, mush. Pay attention to the forecasts before putting in tulips. We used to get frost by mid-November, but that is rare now. And even when it does freeze, the ground is soft enough for planting most of the winter.

It is not too late to continue sowing spinach seed and to put in garlic, parsley, and even potatoes (although I have never tried them this late). In a cold frame plant collards, lettuce, scallions, and many oriental vegetables such as bok choy, mizuna, Chinese cabbage, and daikon radishes. As I write, the squirrels are busy with nuts and some of the fur people have eaten smaller fur people, so my pepper plants are laden, and I even have tomatoes that might ripen.

After you test the pH of your soil with a kit from the hardware or garden store, go ahead and add lime at the recommended rate in most vegetable beds except where you plan to plant potatoes next year. Then mulch any bare soil. This is also a good time to add rock (not super phosphate and gypsum to heavy, compacted clay. Greensand is another additive, one that will supply potash over the ensuing months. There is little benefit in adding nitrogen to your garden in this season because it is quickly washed away.

Let me hear about both your successes and failures (knowltonew@earthlink.net).