



**Lake Junaluska**  
Conference & Retreat Center

# Lake Junaluska Associates

*Partners with Lake Junaluska, a place of Christian hospitality where lives are transformed through renewal of soul, mind, and body.*

## Spring 2017 Newsletter

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## Bowling's Bylines: Junaluska Associates Forever...

Over the past few months, the Junaluska Associates have been the recipients of several estate gifts. These came from Associates, who, like you and me, love this very special place and want to see it continue for years to come to be "A Place of Christian Hospitality Where Lives Are Transformed Through Renewal Of Soul, Mind and Body." To date, nearly \$200,000 has been received, and we have learned that additional bequests will be coming soon. Your Executive Committee has determined that 80% of the bequests received will be used for projects and the remaining 20% will go into the Associates endowment fund. These gifts will make sure that the influence and support of the Associates will be a benefit to Lake Junaluska forever.

There are other ways that Associates are making sure that Lake Junaluska will have a bright future. Recently, a couple gave a nice gift to the work of the Associates in addition to what they have given through the usual channels of being an Annual, Life, Founder or Centennial Associate. One person has made a significant gift for several years and always wishes that it will be anonymous. Each of these helps Lake Junaluska to be sustainable into the future.

In the past few months, a number of contributions have been made in memory or honor of friends and family members. What a wonderful way to remember someone who loves this very special place.

I share all of these with you in hopes that you will join with others and make sure that the Lake will be influenced by the Junaluska Associates Forever...

Blessings,  
*Bob*

**Remember:** The 2017 Junaluska Associates Weekend is scheduled for **August 4-6**. It is going to be a wonderful three days of great celebration. A very ambitious goal of having 500 in attendance has been set and we hope that you are inviting your family and friends to come and celebrate. More information will be available soon regarding the activities for the weekend.

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## Amazing, Awesome Associates in August

Yes! You are the amazing Associates, partners with Lake Junaluska Assembly, and we celebrate you, your family and friends who offer continued loyalty and support of this most special place as we come together the first full weekend of August!

We are eagerly anticipating an exciting Friday evening of entertainment by our own Lake Junaluska Singers, under the direction of Mrs. Mary Huff, accompanied by Kathy Geyer McNeil. You will not want to miss this exhilarating opportunity of musical performance as we begin our weekend of fellowship and celebration!

On Saturday afternoon the Associates are invited to participate in the dedication and celebration of the Lake Junaluska Columbarium. This will be a time to experience the beautiful work that has been done in the "Room of Memory" in creating the columbarium niches and an opportunity to visit the columbarium scatter garden....an outdoor "room of memory." Join in gladness that Lake Junaluska Assembly can offer this most unique place of memory and honor.

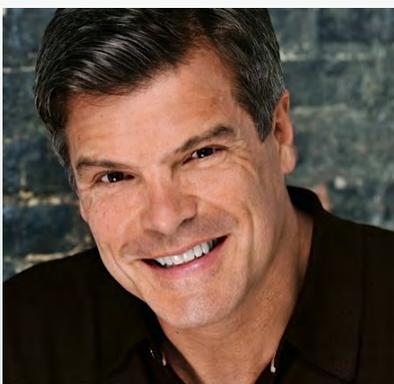
The Saturday evening banquet will, once again, be held in the Lambuth dining hall. The Lambuth hotel offers comfortable gathering space for "meeting and greeting" old friends and new as we wait for the doors to open, offering another time of fellowship in the sharing of a meal.

"BROADWAY, ON BROADWAY"! YES! Saturday evening! Straight from New York to the Stuart Auditorium stage comes Broadway star and musician, Nat Chandler, with vocalist Sarah Pfisterer and accompanist, Joseph Thalken. Nat Chandler is a native South Carolinian who is looking forward to returning to this region and bringing his friends to share an exciting evening of Broadway offerings! Come! Let your spirits and memories be lifted through this amazing musical journey!

Hospitality, renewal, honor, support, memory and celebration! August is our time of gathering as we embrace our partnership with Lake Junaluska, and we want you to make plans to be here!!

*Sarah Tippett, Vice President of Programming*

### Featured Performers:



Nat Chandler



Sarah Pfisterer



Joseph Thalken

## Finance Report

Thanks to everyone who continue to make annual gifts to the Associates. These gifts, along with income from the Associates Endowment fund, support the Associates annual budget. Below is a report on how this budget undergirds the ongoing mission of the Associates to support the ministry and capital needs of Lake Junaluska Assembly.

During 2016, this budget contributed over \$100,000 for projects. More than \$50,000 went towards the completion of the newly renovated children's playground. \$30,000 went to support the beautification of the grounds. \$20,000+ went towards other projects, including additional recreational equipment and new playground equipment. During 2016, the Associates actually had a deficit budget, but that was planned in order to expend funds that had accumulated over recent years.

For this current year of 2017, the budget is once again balanced at a total of \$104,347 for both income and expenditures. The projects budget is \$83,807 of that total. The Projects Committee under the leadership of Frank Grice has a long list of needs and priorities. The completion of the playground means that we can now turn our attention and resources to other needs.

The Associates are also fortunate to have recently received several legacy gifts. These gifts help this year's budget, as well as future years', have great opportunities to continue to share in the sustainability and growth of the ministry of Lake Junaluska. Your continued gifts are needed to support the 2017 budget and our mission as the Lake Junaluska Associates. THANK YOU!

*Wannie Hardin, Treasurer*

## Brickwalk at the Colonnade Revived

With much enthusiasm and encouragement, the Brickwalk at the Colonnade was renewed by the Associates Board in August, 2016. After it was announced that this project was being closed, the response was overwhelming with the spaces for bricks being filled. Thus, a waiting list was started!

By renewing this project, which was created in 2000-2001 by then Projects Chair Roger Geyer, a third row of bricks on either side of the center block will be formed. There will be room for approximately 240 bricks, so there is great opportunity to remember or honor a special someone who was or is close to Junaluska, family members, friends, Sunday school teachers, and pastors.

And, don't forget to pass this information to your Sunday school class, United Methodist Men and United Methodist Women, youth and your congregation. Help spread the work to those who have a special connection to Junaluska by a retreat, wedding, confirmation or who live here or own a residence. Keep these persons connected to the Lake.

The cost is only \$100 per brick. Each brick may contain two lines with 16 characters per line including spaces. Checks should be made payable to the Junaluska Associates and sent to P.O. Box 67, Lake Junaluska, NC 28745. For additional information, please contact Melissa Aldridge in the Associates office at 828-454-6725 or [associates@lakejunaluska.com](mailto:associates@lakejunaluska.com). Thanks for your consideration of this special project!

*Frank Grice, Projects Chair*

## Special Request Go Digital!



In an effort to be good stewards of our resources, we are trying to send the Junaluska Associates Newsletter via email rather than snail mail.

Please help us with this effort by sending your email to [associates@lakejunaluska.com](mailto:associates@lakejunaluska.com) and opt to receive the newsletter electronically.

You will receive the newsletter faster, and you will be able to share all of our wonderful news with your family and friends by forwarding a copy to their email! Thanks to everyone who has already agreed to receive information through their email.

## Membership Committee Reminder

You should have recently received information to renew your Annual Partnership of \$100 per person for 2017 or upgrade to one of the other levels: Life Partnership - \$1,000; Founder Partnership - \$1,913; or Centennial Partnership - \$2,013. We encourage you to consider giving family or friends an Annual Partnership. This is an opportunity to introduce your loved ones to Lake Junaluska and the Junaluska Associates and to share all we do to enhance this place of Christian hospitality

Also, as an Associate Partner, we hope you were able to participate in the Associates Weekend Celebration last August. It was a great gathering and this year's event will also be outstanding. You will soon be receiving the program and registration form for this event that will be held on August 4-6, 2017. Among the other exciting events during the Weekend, the plans for revision/revitalization of the Junaluska Associates will be shared. We hope to have a record number of attendees this year, therefore, we want to challenge you to invite your friends and family members to come with you to this great weekend for a wonderful time of fellowship, remembrance, entertainment and blessings.

*Bernie Brown, Membership Chair*

## Project Updates

### Playground a Hit

During the winter months, new playground equipment, which included bucket toddler swings, a new climbing structure, and the replacement of the current metal slides with a tube slide, was installed at the J. B. Ivey Playground at Lake Junaluska.

"I grew up coming to the lake, so I myself played on the old playground," said Meredith

Moss, who was visiting from Franklin, Tennessee. "I was thrilled when the playground was initially renovated. I am so excited about the bucket swings. Most of our friends that we bring with us to the lake have younger children who can't use the big kid swings. For a parent it's a huge benefit to be able to have the bucket swings. The new playground is great because it helps the children build their strength and use their imaginations. One of my daughter's favorite things on the playground is the new spider web climbing structure. And of course, the slide is popular with all of the children."



### Rose Walk receives a makeover

The Rose Walk at Lake Junaluska, a beloved part of the Lake Junaluska Walking Trail, also received a makeover this winter with new fencing.

The project was made possible because of gifts through the Junaluska Associates. The Rose Walk project is one of many improvements planned for 2017.

