

HAPPY NEW YEAR

We wish you all a very happy and healthy 2015!

We started off 2015 with a welcome gift. Gas prices dropped below the \$2.00 mark! They have dropped another 15 cents or so as we write this newsletter. Friends returning from FL to SC said the gas in GA was in the 1.70's. We hope prices have dropped where you are too.

Our neighbor, Kent, braved the crawly creatures on the other side of our small lake to take pictures of the rear of our houses. Now we can see what all the birds are able to see. Just as a side note, Bob apparently started the newsletter ahead of me, as I did not write the above. I wondered why he kept asking if I started the newsletter yet? Lets add another picture on the right, this one of our new electric fireplace. We actually bought it early in the season and waited for the Holidays to put it in the newsletter. It throws out some nice warmth, but we can also just put it on for the ambiance, without the heat element. A nice addition. The fourth picture is of our 'two girls'! They had their annual visit to the doctor this month and upon returning to the comfort of their home they needed some 'recovery' time!! Take a close look, as Ms Minnie is partially wrapped in the bed quilt, with her bottom half hanging out. She is traumatized just leaving her home environment, let alone the vet's office.

The next event was the Rivertown Bluegrass Society monthly concert. I know I have had this in the newsletter before, but this time I did some recruiting at Lakeside. It worked. Usually there are six of us who attend. With Nancy's help, I put out information and pictures in the Clubhouse and we had nineteen people attend in Jan.

Another event of interest was the Lady's Lunch on the 16th. Doris has gotten me interested in these events. The one was right here at the Lakeside Clubhouse. The event was a Fashion Show (involving women in Lake Side as models), and *BonWorth* at our local Outlet Center provided the clothes. A local caterer was used to provide the lunch, which was excellent. All in all, it was a fun event and well attended. To the right there are two pictures of the fifty plus women who participated.

Among other things that we did this month was attend the Boat Show at the Convention Center. No, we are not planning to buy a boat, but would like to rent one once in a while. We had another nice lunch at the College, and I attended the Garden Forum, for ideas on what to put in my outside garden pots. We ate out a number of times with our neighbors, and also attended a dinner with 80 from the Lakeside Crossing Drive Club. The weather gave some nice days in between to enjoy.

Final picture is of "Lil Duck". She lives in our lake year-round, in all weather conditions, and much of the time alone. We are quite used to seeing her around!

Good start to 2015!!

