

Well not if you go by this newsletter! This has been a busy month! The month started out, of course, with the Labor Day Party here at Lakeside which was lots of fun!

The big event for me was a visit by my niece, Lisa Solon, and her two children, Maile and Lucas. Lisa & Justin and the two children are in Georgia, as Justin is in the Army and participating in a special training program. They had just come back from Germany. We haven't seen them since Bob & I visited the whole family on the West Coast, while traveling in our motor home, several years ago! It was very exciting for all of us! It was a short visit due to other commitments, so it was clear that this needed to be a relaxing one. I think my pictures demonstrate that. The beach seemed to get 'top pick'. The weather was perfect, the water was comfortable, and the surf cooperated! As you know we have a lake in our back yard and even that worked it's way into the relaxation plan. That was translated into a fishing experience for both Lucas and Maile. We thank our neighbors, Bill & Terry Budniak, who loaned us 2 fishing poles for them to use, and Bill joined them a couple of times. It was clearly a hit, because every spare moment was spent fishing. Both Lucas and Maile decided they wanted to go see the Aquarium, which is represented by the next picture. The last picture is of Lisa and the kids and Quinton, a student here at Coastal Carolina University, and the son of close family friends. We are all having a delicious lunch at the *Mellow Mushroom* in downtown Myrtle Beach. We also visited the Wax Museum, had a ride on the Wonder Wheel, and rode around town a bit. Maile tried so hard to become friends with our two cats. Gracie was somewhat cooperative but Minnie, true to her nature, hid most of the time. I am sure that if they had stayed another day, that would have changed. Minnie is the same with anyone she doesn't know. We did catch a picture of her trying to check out the cat toys Lucas and Maile brought with them.



## Some More Fun!!!

Well, getting back to the Labor Day Party - that was not the only party that we experienced this month. Yep! Our neighbors, Charlotte & Kent had a party in their house as well! They had a group of Lakeside people over that included several friends, plus their neighbors Bill & Terry on the left and us on the right. We all had a great time, with great food, drinks, and good chats. By the way, Kent is a great photographer!! Look at the pictures on the wall around the table that we ladies were sitting at. He has other framed photographs hanging throughout the house. This is what I had in my mind to do in our house, but have not done so yet!

Next was our adventure with *Storehouse Tours* to the Santee Locks and Lake Tour out of Monks Corner, SC. The Lock was built along with the creation of Lake Moultrie and the Santee Cooper's Jefferies Hydroelectric Plant. When the Lock was built in 1941 it was the tallest boat lock in the world. We had a fabulous time with Captain Rick and his crew, plus Robin from Storehouse Tours guiding us! When our tour boat entered the lock, we did not know that a fairly good size Manatee followed us in. Who would ever think they would be this far North. The result was that they had to bring us back down, open the gates to let him out. If he were to go into the Lake, he would not have survived the Winter. Once this was done, we were able to go back up and out into Lake Moultrie. The Manatee clearly provided a bonus experience on this trip!! We were told this was the tenth time this Summer a Manatee ended up in the Lock. Following the tour we had lunch at Gilligan's Restaurant on the river. Before returning we also had a short stop at the *Old Santee Canal Park Interpretive Center*.

As a post script, I wrote this letter during Hurricane Joaquin. Now, it would be impossible to reach the dock and Gilligan's Restaurant where we had lunch now because of severe flooding! We too are experiencing flooding!!!!



Well, I hope you enjoyed our September Newsletter. These three events were the top highlights for the month. The gates going into the Lock for Lake Moultrie is right above this text. The two above that are leaving the Lock and entering Lake Moultrie. The small picture is the Manatee in the Lock. Thanks Mike for the picture.