

STATE OF THE ORGANIZATION 2017

After years of turmoil and uncertainty the latter half of 2017 has been marked by relative calm. The threat of legal action against the Declarants seems to have dissipated and management of the community by the CAI has moved forward. There are still some clouds hanging over us: disputes between the Declarant groups negatively affect the purchase and sales of property and residences; on-again off-again relations with the Equestrian Center impact maintenance and use of the walking and riding trails; uncertainty over the status of community amenities such as the CAC and storage needs for various organizations still require attention. Hopefully, these issues will be resolved in the near future.

The start of 2017 was defined by the reaction of some community members to changes implemented by the new Declarants. RBHOO met with concerned individuals and the Declarants' representatives to ascertain the possibility of resolving the issues without legal intervention. RBHOO undertook a survey of members' attitudes toward the matter as much to identify the issues to members as to affect the outcome of discussion between the parties.

RBHOO program activities included presentations by the Executive Director of the Loudon Habitat for Humanity, a doctor who discussed current asthma and allergy treatments, an eye specialist on cataract surgery, the Director of the McClung Museum describing the Tellico Archeological Project, and a Director of the East Tennessee Foundation which supports regional and local community enhancement proposals. Today's speaker covered "Stop the Bleed," a program to train people when confronted with significant bleeding issues.

Ongoing projects managed or supported by RBHOO include the Route 72 Roadside Clean-up, which occurs approximately every ten weeks, semi-annual blood drives, and provision to members of 911 emergency switches at cost and support for the Tennessee Yellow Dot Program to alert responders of medical history and desires in the event of a car accident. RBHOO likewise provides House Buddies stickers to help out in an emergency situation when residents are absent. Analysis of water quality in Lake Tellico and tributaries has also received RBHOO financial support as have efforts to improve community walking trails through additional trail markings, maps, maintenance, and construction of a new bridge and viewing area.

New actions this year supported 3 shredder visits courtesy of Loudon County, lunch for the CAI staff, analysis of community storage needs which was provided to the CAI, funding for high school EMS training activities, and organization of a CPR Training Program to take place in January 2018.

Looking ahead to 2018, we already know about the CPR Program. Perhaps there will be additional bleeding control training. 2018 is an election year. RBHOO looks forward to supporting opportunities for all residents to meet with candidates. As always the Board does not possess "all wisdom". We encourage member suggestions and participation at all times. Moreover, be thinking about joining the Board. 2018 will bring about the need for a new President and Treasurer.