



News from the Lewis Rathbun Center - Winter 2004

The Rathbun Center

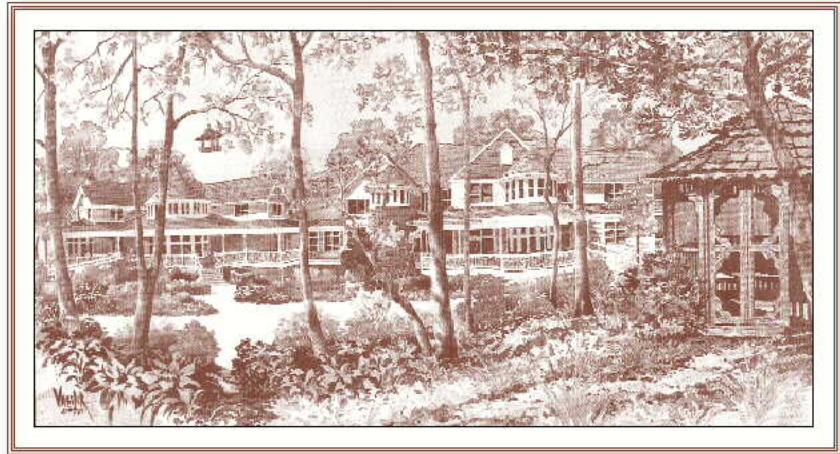
a welcoming place to stay.

2004—A Year to Remember

As our 10th year comes to a close it is important to take a minute and reflect on the year 2004 and our many blessings.

In a weakened economy that seems to have hit the mountain communities of western North Carolina particularly hard, the Rathbun Center has remained financially sound and energized. After enduring the wrath of four major hurricanes in a month we were fortunate not to sustain major damage and loss.

Construction has begun on a 5-room addition in the space located



New construction has begun on a 5-room addition to the Rathbun Center. Plans call for the project to be completed by May 2005



below the office area. The work will be completed by May of 2005. We are well underway with our two new entrepreneurial businesses: leasing out our two meeting rooms during the day when most of our guests are at the hospital, and our eBay "second hand store". Both

businesses have been raising revenue without much start up costs or the need for additional staff. Our good friend Roney Hilliard has been working with us on our eBay project as a volunteer.

The Janirve Foundation awarded the Rathbun Center a grant of \$150,000 to assist with repairs on our 10 year old building and to help us with our construction project.

We created a new brochure and gave our logo and printed material a new look. Local artist, Ann Vasilik, was commissioned to do a watercolor of the Center and it is beautiful. There are also prints and note cards available featuring the artwork. Ann managed to capture both the warmth and appeal of the Center.

On December 15, five billboards around the city will also feature the painting. The original now hangs in our lobby.

In the past 10 years we have given lodging and support to over 12,800 families. We could not have accomplished this amazing feat without the

constant support of our donors, our churches and hospitals. We honored our hard working volunteers with a special Valentine Party and our yearly picnic at Adelaide Key's home this summer. They are the heart and soul of the Center and our most important asset.

Several former guests had home parties to benefit the Rathbun Center and our Anniversary Party in October was a dazzling success.

2004 was a year of friends and supporters coming together to affirm what a wonderful gift this house is to the people who come here for lodging and end up receiving so much more.

Kay Dossey
Executive Director

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Thank You to...

Asheville Buncombe Youth Council for preparing a wonderful spaghetti supper for our guests; **Vicki** and **Julie Innes** for preserving/updating our historical

scrapbooks; **Episcopal Church of the Incarnation-Highlands** for delicious apple pies; **Biltmore Baptist Church-Walker Sunday School Class** for their weekly Wish List donations; Rathbun Roundup invitation stuffers-**Ting Douglas, Betty Lanning,**

Claudia McMillan, Charles Furlow, Vicki Jenest, Cameron Furlow, Bill and Nettie Augustus, Claudia McMillan; UNCA Bulldog Day of Service Participants **Tre Brown, Tim Ford, Bryan Moore, Paul Gager, Susan Mikulik, Halley Beard, Kelsey Lenhardt, Tara Duvall, Keri Fry, Julie Heinitch and Lloyd Weinberg.** The good folks at

Brittany Supply and **Asheville Waste Paper,** Thanksgiving Holiday volunteers-**Julie** and **Vicki Innes, Colleen** and **Jack Ramsey, Jiene Brinkley, Katherine Taylor, Ron** and **Nancy Ericksen, Carole** and **Bill Roskind,** and special thanks to **Bobby Robinson** and **Claudia McMillan** for preparing the delicious

Thanksgiving meal; Thanksgiving desserts-**Barbara** and **Joe Brady, Millie** and **Ed Adams, Marjorie Alexander, Barbara** and **Irv Deibert, Pam Soenksen, Dick Ottens** for painting at 67 doors or more throughout the house!; **Arden First Baptist Church Women's Ministry** for a delicious lasagna supper for our guests; **The Atlanta Bread Company** and **Starbucks** on Hendersonville Rd and **The Paris Bakery** on Merrimon Ave. for providing baked goods to the Center on a weekly basis; **Mike** and **Debbie Powell** of Allegra Print & Imaging for making the Rathbun Center the recipient of \$1000 worth of print services from the FootPRINT Fund, and a special thank you to our guests volunteers and staff who "weathered" Hurricanes Ivan and Frances amidst fallen trees, loss of electricity and low water pressure!



UNCA "Bulldog Day" participants



Rathbun Center Founder Awarded Lifetime Achievement Award by NAHHH

Rathbun Center founder, Adelaide D. Key, was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award by the National Association of Hospital Hospitality Houses (NAHHH) at their annual conference in September.

"Vision is a quality of the soul. People with vision simply do what must be done." (from *Illuminated Life* by Joan Chittister). To see things before other people see it is to be a person of vision. This aptly describes Adelaide Key whose vision helped make the NAHHH sustainable for the future. Adelaide is an entrepreneur who can convert a sea of frothing ideas into something tangible, something real, embodied in a tiny organization until it becomes the foundation for something much more.

"I believe Hospital Hospitality Houses provide caring and healing to people from all walks of life. I saw the need of thousands of people in western North Carolina for a welcoming place to stay, free of charge, while their patients were being treated in area hospitals," said Ms. Key. This need developed into the wonderful "House with a Heart", The Lewis Rathbun Center.

The Rathbun Center congratulates Adelaide on this outstanding achievement.

Dick "67 Doors" Ottens

Welcome New Volunteers!

Hallie Butts, Julie Innes, Vicki Innes, Tamra Huggett, Blanche Edmonds, Casi Fordham

Welcome New Staff!

Jessica Maddox-Weekend Relief Staff

Have You Visited Our New Website?

Visit our website at
www.lewisrathbuncenter.org

Live Music at the Rathbun Center



Dr. Battle Haslam records his tunes

The Center rang with music in mid-October, ranging from Christmas carols to Broadway themes, arising from Dr. John Battle Haslam's piano.

His wife, Betty, passed away in April of this year. In the aftermath, he was comforted by her paintings reflecting her artistic talent. Dr. Haslam realized that he had nothing comparable to manifest his lifelong affection for the piano. He moved his shiny black Yamaha grand to the Rathbun Center Common Room because of the vaulted ceiling which provided outstanding acoustics for a recording project. He envisioned recording a spectrum of music, primarily for his family, to honor Betty.

Between October 11-14, he recorded about 90 songs. These will become four CDs: "The Holidays", "From Sea to Shining Sea", "Hymns of Hope" and "Potpourri".

"I have been playing for fifty years, albeit strictly by ear, but never had I attempted to record what I think of as a 'second voice'. It was an emotional undertaking", stated Dr. Haslam.

The CDs will not be for sale commercially and only a small number will be produced for friends, family and the Rathbun Center.

Dr. Haslam was a founding Board member of the Rathbun Center. He served several terms as Vice President and retired from our Board in December 2003. Dr. Haslam retired from his practice of Radiation Oncology at Mission Hospitals in 2000.

Board of Directors in Transition

Long time Board Members **Robin Seal** and **Chip Powell** will be rotating off the Rathbun Center Board of Directors at the end of the year. Robin served two terms as president of the Board and Chip was a member of the Finance Committee for his entire Board tenure. Robin and Chip will be greatly missed and remembered as outstanding ambassadors of our Center.

Vicki Jenest, **Fern McCrimmon** and **Gayle Childress** have been elected to serve on the board of Directors for a 3 year term beginning in January of 2005. Vicki has been a volunteer at the Rathbun Center for several years and recently co-chaired the 10th Anniversary Party Auction Committee. Fern, formerly a fundraiser for the Health Adventure, served as a volunteer on the Anniversary Party Auction Committee, and Gayle is returning to the Board after a one year hiatus. These three women have demonstrated their commitment to the Center and its mission. The expertise and energy they will bring to the Board will be greatly appreciated.

2004 Board of Directors

Dr. Adelaide Daniels Key, *Chair*
Founder of Lewis Rathbun Center

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Radio Station Program Director

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Retired physician, Founder of Life After Cancer - Pathways

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Certified public accountant

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Psychotherapist

Pauline Waldburger
Volunteer, retired registered nurse

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Executive Director

Ann Whisenhunt
House Director

Susan Everhart
Administrative Assistant

Keith Beam
Weeknight Manager

Beth Pilz
Weekend Night Staff

Jessica Maddox
Weekend Relief Staff

Rathbun Roundup Raises \$74,500

After postponing The Rathbun Roundup (our 10th year anniversary party) because of hurricane Ivan, we rescheduled for October 23rd. Over 250 guests attended a real country hoedown at Taylor Cattle Ranch. The celebration raised \$74,552 for the Rathbun Center and all who attended had a rollicking good time.

Special thanks to our sponsors:

Mission Hospitals
Thoms/CarePartners
Haywood Regional Medical Center
WestCare
Mountain Findings
Adelaide Daniels Key
Spruce Pine Community Hospital
UNC-Asheville
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Western Carolina University
First Citizens Bank
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...And special thanks to:

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5th Avenue Travel
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*Raymond
McClinton informs
Dr. Rathbun he has
just bought a trip to
Outer Mongolia*

*"Loosen
your belts!"*



*NeoNatal ICU
Ladies Night Out*



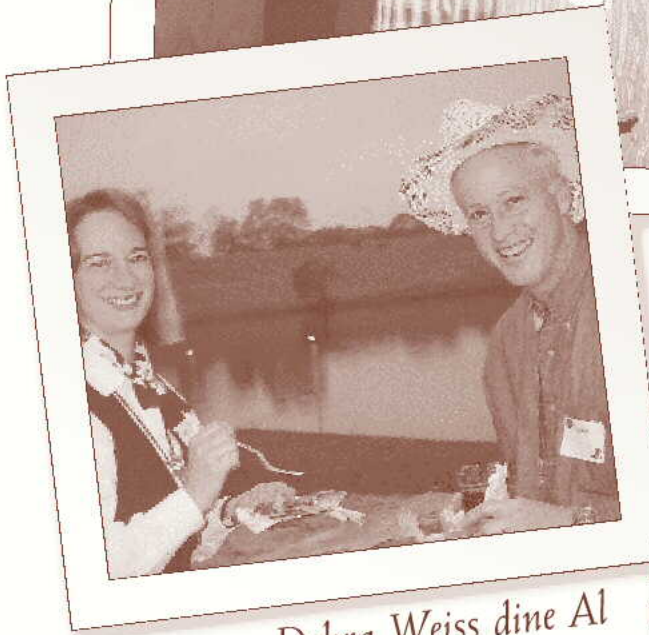
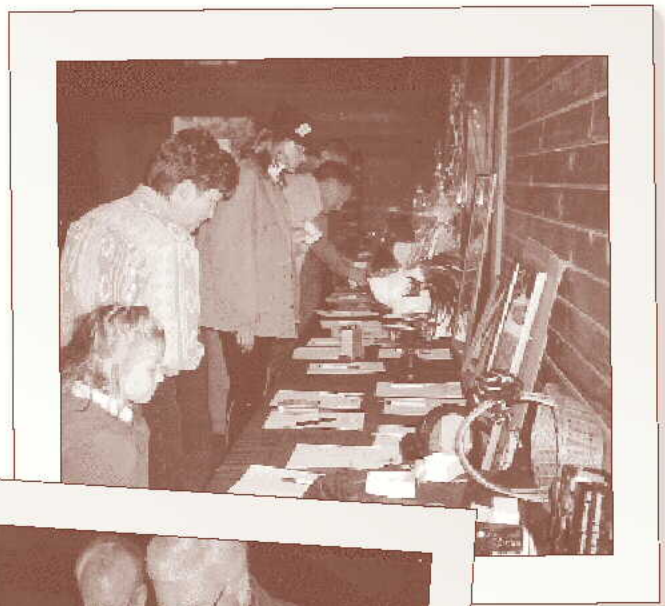
"Giddy up!"



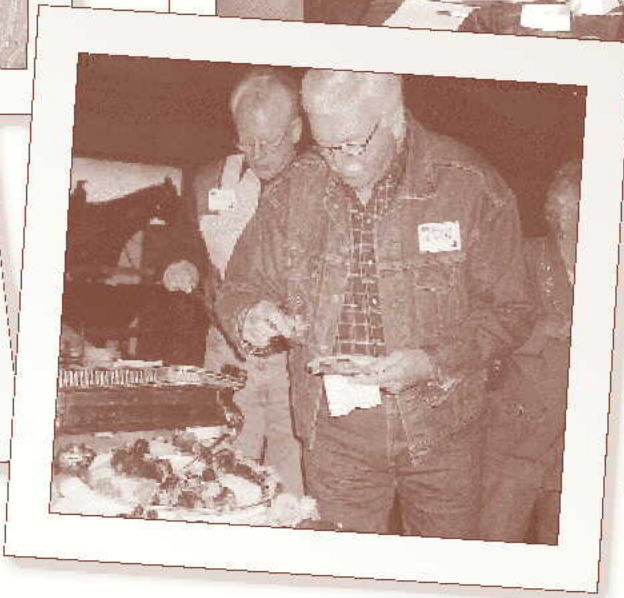
The KISS FM Crew



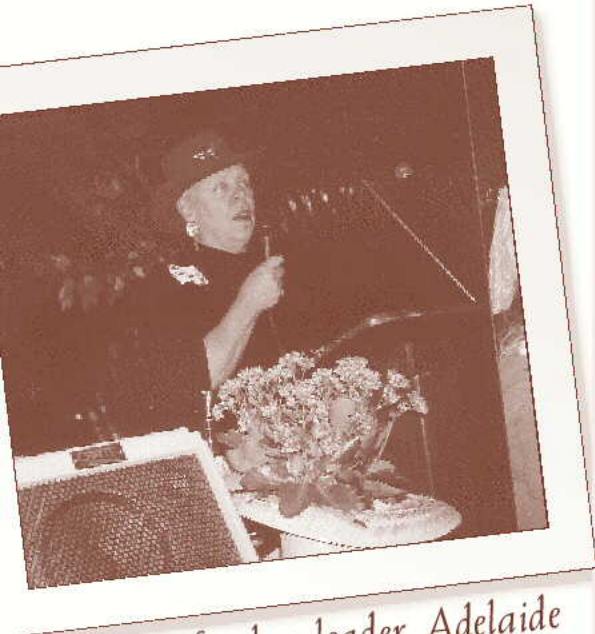
So much to choose: So little money



Larry & Debra Weiss dine Al Fresco—watching for cows.



"I'll take one of each"



Our fearless leader, Adelaide Key, welcomes the cowpokes

Parties Galore!

To help in our 10th year celebration several former guests and supporters gave parties in their homes to honor the Rathbun Center. Special thanks to all who went out of their ways to spread the word about our mission and to raise funds to support our work:

- Lutheran Women's Missionary League at Resurrection
Lutheran Church, Franklin, NC
- Maiden's Chapel United Methodist Church, Franklin, NC
- Saints Alive, First Baptist Church, Highlands, NC
- Doris Munday, Franklin, NC
- First Presbyterian Church, Franklin, NC
- Russell & Imogene Hollifield, Marion, NC
- Clifford Boessel, Kissimmee, FL
- Angel Home Health, Franklin, NC
- Elizabeth Morris, Melrose, FL
- Jane Landau, Hendersonville, NC
- Linda Holbert, Horse Shoe, NC

In Memory Of

(Gifts received June 26, 2004 through November 24, 2004)
The following loved ones have been honored and memorialized through many generous gifts to The Lewis Rathbun Center.

Ervin & Neple Adams
Faye & Wade Talbot

Elbert Baggett
Martha Baggett
Rick & Joyce Baggett
Mr. & Mrs. Robert O. Branberg
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Todd & Leesa Sluder
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Concord Baptist Church Sunday School
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J.D. & Leah Leonhardt

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Elizabeth Byers

Wayne Heavner
Bobby & Madge Heavner
Peggy & Charles Heavner

Elizabeth Hinton
First Alliance Church
Old Edwards Inn & Spa

Doug Holbert
Gail Climer
Walter Gosnell
Linda Holbert
Rocky Holbert
Kathryn Rice

Daniel K. Howell
Charles Davis

Alma Hughes
Joe & Barbara Brady

Charles Johnson
Betty Wood

Robert Johnson
Teri Johnson
Leona Kalba

Carl E. Justus
GlaxoSmithKline

Roger F. La Rose
Adele LaNew

Randy Lee King
Earl Pruitt

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We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the following churches that have been so generous to us:

November 13, 2003 through November 24, 2004

The churches in Western North Carolina have supported the Lewis Rathbun Center with many generous donations throughout the year. Without their steadfast contributions it would be very difficult to offer the level of service that we currently provide. Many of these churches are supported by members who make great personal sacrifices in order to send us their gifts. On behalf of everyone connected with the Center, thank you and God bless your generous spirit. The following is a list of churches that have supported us in the past year with donations of money, in kind gifts of paper products, groceries and more, and time, volunteering their help to cheer our guests.

Abernethy United Methodist, Asheville
Alexander Baptist, Forest City
Arden First Baptist, Arden
Ark Church, Cashiers
Balsam Grove Freewill Baptist, Cullowhee
Beaver Creek Christian, West Jefferson
Beverly Hills Baptist, Asheville
Biltmore Baptist, Asheville
Brown Memorial Holiness Chapel, Newland
Cartoogechaye Baptist, Franklin
Cedar Cliff Baptist, Robbinsville
Central United Methodist, Asheville
Coles Cove Baptist, Weaverville
Comstock Community Church, Virginia City, NV
Concord Baptist Church Sunday School, Andrews
Coopers Gap Baptist WMU, Mill Springs
Coweeta Baptist WMU, Otto
Drymans Chapel United Methodist, Otto
Elk Park Christian, Elk Park
Faith Baptist Tabernacle, Andrews
Faith Missionary Baptist, Marion
First Alliance Church, Franklin
First Assembly of God, Franklin
First Baptist, Asheville
First Baptist, Franklin
First Baptist, Highlands
First Presbyterian, Anderson, SC
First Presbyterian, Franklin
First Presbyterian, Marion
Glenwood Baptist, Marion
Groce United Methodist, Asheville
Henson Creek Baptist, Newland
Holly Springs Baptist, Franklin

Hopewell Baptist, Morganton
Hosanna Baptist, Robbinsville
Liberty Hill Baptist, Spruce Pine
Littlejohn United Methodist, Lenoir
Maiden's Chapel United Methodist, Franklin
Mary Frances Parker Sunday School Class, Franklin
Moses Creek Baptist, Sylva
Mountain Creek Baptist, Bykota Class, Rutherfordton
Mt. Vernon Freewill Baptist, Bryson City
New Bethel Baptist Missionary, Morganton
Owl Creek Baptist, Murphy
Peace Lutheran, Otto
Pisgah United Methodist, Lincolnton
Pleasant Hill Baptist, Franklin
Resurrection Lutheran, Franklin
Santeelah Baptist, Robbinsville
Shortoff Baptist, Highlands
Spiritual Light Center, Inc., Franklin
St. Andrews Episcopal Church Women, Canton
St. Barnabas Catholic, Arden
St. Eugene Catholic, Asheville
Sweetgum Baptist, Robbinsville
Sweetwater Methodist, Hayesville
The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd,
Junior Daughters of the King, Cashiers
Trinity Episcopal, Asheville
Unity Baptist, Cullowhee
Unity Church, Franklin
Upper Peachtree Baptist, Murphy
Vengeance Creek Baptist, Murphy
Whittier United Methodist, Whittier
Wilmot Baptist, Whittier
Windy Gap Baptist, Franklin

In Our First Ten Years at the Rathbun Center

(September 1994 - December 2004)

- Provided lodging to over 12,900 families
- Over 27,600 individuals have stayed at Rathbun Center
- Provided 78,800 nights of lodging-using the conservative amount of \$50/night for a hotel stay, the Rathbun Center has provided over \$3,940,000 in lodging
- Volunteers have provided over 62,000 hours of service to the Center. At \$17.19 per hour (value of volunteer hour), that is equal to over \$1,077,555 in service to the Rathbun Center

Our Wish List

Styrofoam

Cups Napkins, Toilet Tissue

Copier Paper
Facial Tissue, Paper Towels

Packaged Snacks

Canned Vegetables

Homemade Snacks

Gift cards to grocery stores, Sam's, etc.

Canned Fruit,
Fresh Fruit Meals for Guests

Laundry Detergent

Canned Meats (Chicken, Tuna, Ham, Turkey)

Mission Statement

The Lewis Rathbun Center, Inc., is a non-profit corporation that provides lodging and other supportive services in a "home-like" environment for patients and/or caregivers coming into Asheville, North Carolina, for medical treatment.

Financial information about this organization and a copy of its license are available from the State Solicitation Licensing Branch at 919/733-4510. The license is not an endorsement by the State.

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email: susanlr@bellsouth.net

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