



Monday, July 26, 2021 Meeting



KEN WILLS



LARRY DAVENPORT



Ken Wills has a B.S. in biology from Jacksonville State University and an M.S. in physical geography from the University of Alabama. In the past he worked in natural resource planning and forest research for the Alabama Environmental Council and currently works as an Environmental Health Specialist for the Jefferson County Department of Health.

He is President of the Friends of Moss Rock Preserve and a volunteer with Alabama Audubon. He has spent a lifetime exploring and conserving Alabama's natural areas and is coauthor of *Exploring Wild Alabama*.

Dr. Lawrence J. "Larry" Davenport is a professor at Samford University's Howard College of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Davenport focuses on environmental health and aquatic systems--plants, macroinvertebrates, and fishes. Much of his work has been on the Cahaba Lily, which is restricted to shoal areas of the main rivers and tributaries of the Southeast.

His efforts to protect this plant and its habitat were recognized by the Alabama House of Representatives, which designated May 27, 2006 as Professor Lawrence J. Davenport Day.

Dr. Davenport combines his scientific and creative sides by writing a nature column for Alabama Heritage magazine. Twenty-five of these columns are being published as a set, *Nature Journal*, by the University of Alabama Press.

They will give a photo presentation on some of Alabama's lesser known publicly accessible natural areas featured in their book, *Exploring Wild Alabama*, which covers over 150 sites across the state ranging from the Walls of Jericho to Dauphin Island Bird Sanctuaries. Books will be available for purchase and signing by the authors.

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Meal Reservations: Deadline Friday @ Midnight

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<https://dacdb.com/index.cfm?EventID=77544129>

NEWS FROM THE BOARD (Repeated)

- Effective immediately, acting within the by-law provisions, the assessments and quarterly dues for all members is revised as follows:
 - The birthday assessment of \$10 is eliminated
 - \$5 of this assessment was donated to the Educational Foundation of the Shades Valley Rotary Club (EFSVRC) as a charitable contribution of the club.
 - \$5 of this assessment was placed in the general operating fund of the club
 - The quarterly dues for active members is increased to offset the above action
 - Active members dues are increased from \$217.50 per quarter to \$220.00 per quarter
 - Leave of Absence (LOA) dues are increased from \$84 per quarter to \$86.50 per quarter
 - The budgeted RCSV quarterly contribution to the EFSVRC is increased from \$15 per member to \$16.25 per member
 - The budgeted income is revised to reflect \$1.25 per member per quarter rather than the \$5 income in the quarter of the members birthday.
 - The options for voluntary discounting of quarterly dues will no longer be offered. After much deliberation your Board reached a decision that conditions have now evolved to a point that attendance in person at the meetings of the club is safe and that all members have reasonable access to all the benefits and values of membership.
 - Members with extenuating, hardship or special circumstances will be given consideration by the Board for temporary adjustment(s). The Board has authorized your Secretary/Treasurer, your President-elect and your Executive Director to act on such requests for consideration.
- The hybrid weekly club meeting format will continue until such time that it is the opinion of the Board that it is no longer of value and benefit for our membership. The Board will meet via Zoom for July and August with the goal of moving to a hybrid in-person at the O'Neal Library and virtual via Zoom format beginning in September.
- The individual wrapped meals will continue at least through September. Options for a return to buffet style meals is under review but no changes are expected before October at the earliest. Suggestions for the entrée and sides served by Ted's is always welcome. Please share suggestions with William Wentowski, Jon Lewis, Marcus Chatterton, Lindsay Gardner or Bo Porter.
- The club has been, due to Covid and dues considerations, lenient regarding guest meals. Effective July 12 we will return to the normal expectations of collecting payment for your guests' meals. The policies for potential members (prospects) will likewise return to pre Covid actions.
- Resumption of the "Perfect Attendance" program is effective July 12. Attendance or qualified 'makeup' of missed meetings is required for the program. No member is/was penalized for non attendance from March 2020 through June 2021. Rotary year 2020-2021 is totally excluded from the program and 2019-2020 will be included as perfect attendance based on application of the 4 way test for all members desiring credit for the period.
- Drive-by meals are no longer offered, however, any member wishing to come into the BBG and pick up a meal and carry out is welcome to do so!

Questions regarding the above may be addressed to any Board Officer or the Executive Director