



**President's Message
Coweta Beekeepers Association
President Bobby Torbush
January 2014**

Happy New Year!!!

I hope everyone had a great holiday and has resolved to be a better beekeeper. We can begin that journey by educating ourselves in the ways of the bee so make plans to attend our certified level testing in September or Young Harris Bee Institute in May.

This time of year we can only wonder what is happening in our hives while we make plans for increasing our hive numbers or what new/different management technique to try. You may want to reduce the ventilation for your hives during this period of cold weather.

We are expecting a good turn-out of young Beekeepers to learn about hive management, inspecting the hive, examining the colony and reading the frames at the 4-H class this week.

Remember to pay your dues before the end of February to avoid the increase. The board approved an increase for late dues from \$15.00 per year to \$20.00. Pay early and get the discount!

Ruth Mellon is the new refreshment coordinator. She will need some assistance with the heavy lifting. Anyone interested please contact me at 770-927-0077 or Ruth at 770-969-2142. We owe a big thank you to Lynne for all she has done to keep us fed. Lynne and Earl's hard work has been a wonderful asset to our meeting time together.

Our speaker this meeting will be Dennis Krusak - Greater Atlanta Pollinator Partnership

Upcoming Beevents:

- 🐝 Remember that our Introduction to Beekeeping class is January 25th, more information and registration is available on our website.
- 🐝 Auburn University, Saturday, February 1, 2014 8:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.- Lowder Business Building College of Business 415 West Magnolia Ave. Auburn University, Alabama pre-registration \$25 or \$35 at the door.
- 🐝 Georgia Beekeepers Association Spring meeting February 7 & 8, 2014 in Columbus, Ga. See the GBA website for more information.

See you soon!
Bobby Torbush

Meeting

Our next meeting will start at 7:00 pm at the County Extension office at 255 Pine Road. Meeting date is January 13m 2014. Plenty of parking behind the office!! Refreshments are being supplied by ?? **Drinks and ice will be supplied by the club along with paper products!!!**

2014 Dues

You can pay your dues for 2014 to Mike Copeland at a meeting or by mailing them to him at PO Box 159, Luthersville, Ga 30251. Dues for the 2014 calendar year starting January 1st thru December 31st, are \$15.00 per family. If you would like to receive your newsletter through e-mail please inform Donna, and give her your e-mail address. Dues are used in the following manner: for postage of this newsletter, supplies for our meetings, and the Christmas Party. If you dues are not paid by the printing of the April newsletter you will be purged from the system, so please pay your dues now, the club depends on it members!!