

THE CHICK PAPERS

Georgia Poultry Laboratory Network's Monthly Newsletter



We've occupied our "new building" for 10 years already!

Dr. Louise Dufour-Zavala

The Gainesville campus of GPLN is its third home.

In 1949, we occupied a small brick building in Gainesville. At that time, our main focus was pullorum eradication for the poultry industry. That building is still standing on main street!

In 1961, we moved into the Oakwood Laboratory, built on land donated by the O'Dell's family. Some of us and some of our customers still slip and say, "the Oakwood Lab"! It was a 39,000 sq. ft. one-level facility reminiscent of an elementary school, filled with countless memories, scientific, celebratory, mostly joyful, sometimes ghostly and otherwise!

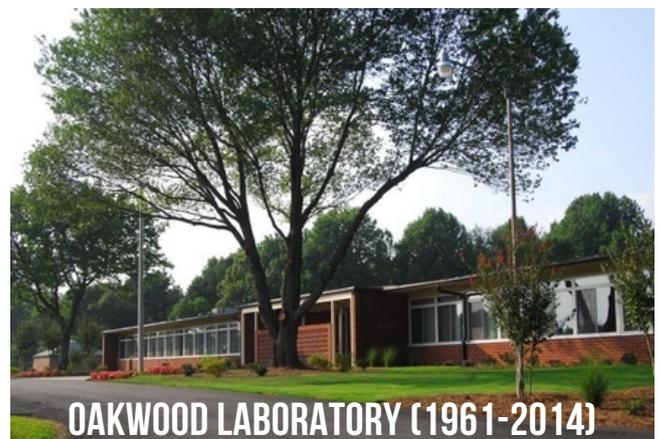
Fifty (50) years later, we ran out of space, had maxed out our utilities capacity, and needed better control of our environmental conditions for our Quality system.

In 2009, Governor Perdue approved appropriations for building a state-of-the-art facility in Gainesville. It truly has been delightful working in our Abit Massey Way facility. Our laboratory still feels like it did the day we moved in back in December 2014. The quality of the work environment here, including the spacious labs viewed from above, the fresh and clean single-pass air, and the great natural lighting is greatly appreciated by GPLN employees! And 700-1,000 visitors a year have enjoyed it too!

GAINESVILLE LABORATORY (1949-1961)



GAINESVILLE LABORATORY (2014-PRESENT)



OAKWOOD LABORATORY (1961-2014)



GPLN holiday CHEER



CHRISTMAS SWEATER CONTEST



GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST



THE CONTESTS ARE FUN, BUT THE FELLOWSHIP IS WHAT MAKES THESE EMPLOYEE PARTIES THE BEST!

