

# The Next Stage

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Newsletter of The Huntsville Division Alumni Association

February 6, 2019

## Next Board Mtgs:

(2nd Thurs each qrtr)  
Apr 11, Jul 11,  
Oct 10, 2019

**2:30 pm** Faith  
Presbyterian Church,  
SE corner of  
Whitesburg/Airport.

*Why not come see  
your Board  
members getting  
events organized?*

*Always looking for  
new ideas.*

## Dates to Remember:

**2019**

**3/16: Spring  
Breakfast Brook-  
dale's, 08:30 social**  
-6/1: Summer Picnic  
Green Mtn Nature Tr.  
-Fall Dinner TBD  
-Christmas Party TBD

Specific details will be  
provided closer to the  
date of the event.

Hope you'll join dear  
friends for  
camaraderie!

*Come See Us!*

## Monthly:

**1st Wed:** Ladies  
lunch, 11:00, Gibson's  
BBQ/S. Mem. Pkwy.  
Call Faye/551-0126  
for details.

**2nd Tue: Bill Russell  
at 650-5400 still  
seeking place for  
breakfast! Call him!**

**3rd Wed:** Lunch at  
Logan's/Balmoral  
12:00. Call Jim  
Gasaway 256/353-  
7199 and ask to be  
added to his emails!



## BROOKDALE'S @ Jones Farm Set for Another Breakfast Feast!

Come join us for another delicious breakfast at Brookdale Place, Jones Farm, 2815 Carl T Jones Dr SE, Huntsville. Saturday, March 16, 2019 is the date. 08:30 Social Time, ~09:00 Buffet Served! Again, there is NO cost for this delicious breakfast! At last word, the buffet will include breakfast casserole, bacon, sausage, hash brown potatoes, biscuits, gravy, fruit, juice, and coffee. So, come feast for free!

Please submit your reservations to Charlie Thomas, 256-881-4192 by Monday, 11 March 2019 so an accurate count can be provided Brookdale for preparation of the meal...especially since they're covering the cost...again!

We hope you join us for this event to share great camaraderie over a hot cup of coffee! Stay and visit for a while. *We hope to see you there!*

## Happy Valentine's Day!!

Everyone loves to be remembered on Valentine's Day...with chocolates for the sweet tooth, or flowers as a show of love, or dinner and a movie out to give one another a break from the routine of every day life.

THIS Valentine's Day, why not let a prior coworker and dear friend be remembered...for everything he has done not only for Thiokol, but for the entire country! He and his "teams" have contributed to the propulsion industry in so many ways they are too numerous to mention. So, let's try and show him just how special he is.

February 14 is Dave Flanigan's birthday, so why not honor him and all his contributions by letting him know what an honor it has been to have him in our lives over the years!? Cards, notes, photos, or whatever you think he might enjoy may be sent by 10 February to: David Flanigan, c/o Donald Clement, 3631 Hickerson Avenue, Tuscumbia, AL 35674. Daughter, Kellie, will gather everything for a celebration on his birthday, 2/14/19, at Dave's current residence.

*Happy Birthday, Dr. Dave!*

## Newsletter Mailings

*The Next Stage* hard/paper copy is currently mailed to all HDAA membership. It is also posted online through the HDAA Info membership listing.

There are some who don't have a computer, nor access to one. If you would like to continue to receive a paper copy of the newsletter, please let Patti Wilson know, and you will continue to receive your newsletter via the United States Postal Service.

If you prefer to receive an online copy only, you may access it through the HDAAInfo listing, thereby eliminating additional clutter to your desktop! Please let Patti know you no longer want the snail-mailed copy, and she will remove your name from its distribution list.

This is a small effort to help the HDAA from depleting its financial resources so quickly. Our annual income continues to decrease over the years, and this income is what allows the HDAA to subsidize quarterly events. This helps keep costs down for the entire membership.

*We need your help!*

## Christmas Luncheon Memories

Another fantastic Christmas "meeting" was held at Magnolia Trace, thanks to Paul McFall, committee chairman. From start to finish, the 52 attendees seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. Special thanks to Kathy Reep Zicarelli and Kim Reep Gayle, for bringing mom, Betsy, to visit with old friends. Her new home certainly seems to be agreeing with her, for she looks fabulous!

The food was outstanding, and all who won door prizes seemed to be thrilled to receive gift cards for another night out to enjoy local cuisine. ☺ Thanks to Cecil and Shirley Stokes for making arrangements with Magnolia Trace, to MT's wonderful staff who take such excellent care of all our needs, and to individual members of the Board for subsidizing wine. The delicious chocolate wine seemed to be a hit as a special "dessert!" *Thanks, Paul, for jumpstarting our holiday season so eloquently! You always do a superb job.*



Party Chair, Paul McFall, gets assistance from Shirley Stokes in drawing a door prize winner.

Door prizes this year were 2 \$50 gift cards at 5 outstanding local restaurants, for a total of 10 gift cards given to lucky winners.

Come be a joyous winner!

Check out HDAA FB for lots of color photos of the event.



Betsy Reep, surrounded by love...her two lovely daughters who take time out from busy schedules to let Betsy share some time with us! *Thanks, ladies.*

### 2019 HDAA Board



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## Engineering Luncheon @ Logan's

Logan's is always a great place to meet for the annual Engineering Luncheon. Food is varied, always great...a good "brew" and burger can't be beat! Thanks, again, to Nita Boyd for keeping this great bunch coming together to stay caught up on news in one another's lives. Great to see some more women in the group this year!



L-R: Patti Kavanaugh Anderson, Mark Kirkham, Tom Turner



Julie Garrett  
(our resident  
naturalist and  
horticulturist!)

And

Rich Alfiero  
(Premier Parties!)



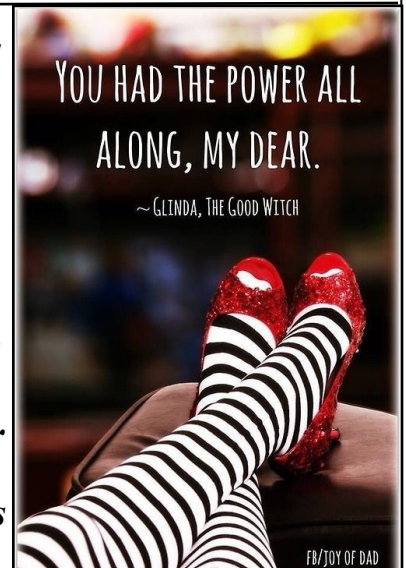
This isn't limited to engineers, alone...all are invited to attend. Why not make plans to join us next year? You'll be glad you did!

More (color) photos can be found on the HDAA FaceBook timeline. Enjoy.

*Be who you needed  
when you were  
younger...  
And, love how you  
want to be loved  
now!*

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*You're never too old  
to set another goal,  
or to dream another  
dream.*  
-C.S. Lewis





## FRIENDS IN THE NEWS....



Good to know some things never change: Bob Askins! Still trim, fit, that great sense of humor...and loving retirement. Who'd blame him, being surrounded by such beauty, tranquility, peace. A nice respite from the hub-bub of life's daily routine.

What a team in B7632! Bob, Dave Flanigan, Bill Graham, and a host of other excellent

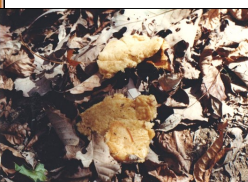
minds and personalities that captured the heart of the propulsion industry and took it by storm.

*Great job, great days, great friends!*

Speaking of Dr. Dave, in the early 1980s, a number of folks from Building 7632 (Chemistry) would go to Monte Sano State Park for breakfast cookouts. Dave and Bob Askins were usually in charge of pancakes, Yvonne and Kellie Flanigan in charge of the scrambled eggs, Don and Patti Wilson in charge of bacon, coffee, getting things set up, etc. Joan Smith and her family supervised us all and made certain we were all doing our part to make the meal come to fruition! As you can see, we had many trial and error EVERYthing...but, the end result was usually a lot of fun on a brisk, sunny day, with great memories stored away just for today's time of our lives. *Fun times with great folks!*



Bob and Dave figuring it out....



Rejects!

The point here: there's a time for hard work, and a time for having fun. Keeps you sane while you get the job done...and done well!

## Thiokol Greenway Project

The HDAA membership endorsed the concept of memorializing the name of Thiokol in Huntsville by naming a greenway in the vicinity of the old plant site the Thiokol Greenway, and promoting placement of one or more historic plaques and benches along the planned city walkway through this greenway (a park-like strip of land along a roadway connecting Redstone Rd. near Gate 3 with Haysland Rd. and Weatherly Rd. at the new Grissom High School). More news to follow!

## When It Rains, It Pours!

In preparation for a long-awaited bathroom remodel, I decided to try and circumvent excess dust in the rest of the house by putting a large towel in the duct vent in that particular bathroom. MOLD was discovered! Upon checking other ducts, it appeared to be in all of them. Ms. Clean was horrified!

After careful research, a company in Mississippi was contacted, M.R.T.E. (Mold Remediation and Testing Experts). They called back very promptly, and Steve Brown spoke at length about his passion, mold. An inspection appointment was scheduled for testing almost immediately.

Six different samples were taken from ducts throughout the house, air samples both inside and outside, as well as under the house. Samples were submitted to the lab they use, with results returned overnight.

M.R.T.E. suggests remediation (removal) at any mold spore level above 500 per cubic meter (for our specific mold type) in your home. Ours was ~1900!!! It was indicated this high level of colonization occurred over an approximate 10-year time frame, which meant we'd been breathing this in our air for that length of time.

Our home is circa 1962, as are many homes in this area. We had no idea the mold was present, since it isn't clearly visible, nor could it be smelled...UNTIL I began preparing for the bathroom remodel.

A team of 4 spent 5.5 hours scrubbing, vacuuming, spraying, removing moldy insulation from under the house (17 33-gallon bags of it). They were professional, informative, friendly, guarantee their work, and we found them to be less expensive than most local remediation companies.

**POINT:** If you have ANY doubt, have your home inspected, particularly if you have infants, elderly, or those with chronic conditions living in the home. It just might save loved ones from serious illness (allergies, asthma, COPD, pneumonia) and may even add years to your life that the mold would have insidiously tried to steal from you! We are more than grateful we found the issue and had it resolved.

Check out their website for yourself, and compare to what we have locally. You will be glad you did.

[www.moldremediationandtestingexperts.com](http://www.moldremediationandtestingexperts.com)



*Look for something  
positive in each day,  
even if some days  
you have to look a little harder.*



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REMINDER: \$12 DUES FOR 2019 WERE DUE 1/1/19.

*IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY SUBMITTED, PLEASE  
CONSIDER DOING SO SOON. THANKS!*

*Ash Wednesday—3/6  
Daylight Savings—3/10  
St. Patrick's Day—3/17  
First Day of Spring!!!—3/20  
Palm Sunday—4/14  
Good Friday—4/19  
Easter—4/21  
Earth Day—4/22  
Mother's Day—5/12  
Armed Forces Day—5/18  
Memorial Day—5/27*

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Sam Zeman; (21) John DeHaye, (21) Don  
Royston, (21) Patti Wilson.

Ex-officio members of the Board are:  
Historian (position vacant), and Cecil  
Stokes/WebMaster.

Contact Cecil for details about the HDAA  
website and how to view more photos in color!

**See you at Brookdale Saturday, 3/16!**

**Please join us and start your day  
with a delicious meal and the camaraderie  
of long-time, dear friends!**

**Linger a while and visit.....**



## In Fond Memory...

We join the families in mourning the loss of  
family, friends and prior coworkers:

**Mattie Chunn:** Wife of Clifford Chunn, who worked in Plant Engineering, Maintenance.

**George Harvey:** Project Management in the 1960s—NASA, Falcon, Special Projects.

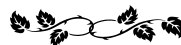
**Lloyd Kranert:** Husband of Jan McMahan Kranert, who worked in Programs, then Programs & Engineering.

**Bobby Whitt:** Worked in Chemical Engineering, Longhorn Division.

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They will be sorely missed by us all, since they truly touched our lives.  
Our heartfelt sympathy to those who have lost other loved ones, as well.  
If you learn of a prior coworker passing, please let someone on the Board know.

*Those we love don't go away; they walk beside us every day.  
Unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed and very dear.*



*When you are sorrowful look into your heart and  
you shall see that you are weeping for that which has been your delight.  
- Khalil Gibran*