

The Next Stage

VOLUME 27, ISSUE 3

Newsletter of The Huntsville Division Alumni Association

September 2, 2022

Next Board Mtgs:

(2ndThurs each qtr)
Oct 13, 2022

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

*Come bring some
ideas for recruiting
new, young members!*

Dates to Remember:

2022

-9/17/22: Fall
Luncheon @
Brookdale/Jones
Farm, 09:00

-12/3: Christmas Party
@ Magnolia Trace.

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

Monthly:

1st Wed: Ladies
lunch, 11:00, Gibson's
BBQ/S. Mem. Pkwy is
currently postponed.
They had a kitchen
fire and are renovat-
ing. A tentative
reopen date was
heard to be 2/23. Not
fact checked!

3rd Wed: Lunch at
Logan's/Balmoral
12:00. Call/email Jim
Gasaway for details:
djgas@att.net. Please
give enough lead time
to provide Logan's an
accurate head count.

*If there is interest in
forming another
regular meeting
group/time, please let
editor know. We're
always looking for
fresh/new ideas to
spark Your interest!*

Ready for Cool Weather (Football)...and The Fall Breakfast?

Committee Chair, Bill Barnes says to mark your calendars for the breakfast at 09:00 Saturday, 17 September at Brookdale, 2815 Carl T. Jones Dr. SE in Huntsville! Again, there will be NO Charge for attendees, and they have allowed "normal" seating available (not limited to 35).

The chef will be serving another delicious menu for our enjoyment, and there should be plenty of great camaraderie, as we all break bread together!

We DO need to give Charlie Thomas (256/881-4192) a headcount so Brookdale can properly prepare for attendees. **Please RSVP to Charlie, Amma Barnes at barnesamma@gmail.com or text Bill @ 256/683-2137 no later than Friday 9 September .**

Also, if interested in decorating a table with your favorite school colors, please give Amma a call at 256/651-4470 or email barnesamma@gmail.com, so you can plan to arrive to decorate your table in time for the 09:00 arrivals. Sounds like fun! 🤗

Looking forward to seeing you All there!

Northrop Grumman (NG) Invests In New Solid Rocket Motor Manufacturing Facilities In Magna, Utah



MAGNA, Utah – Aug. 10, 2022 – Breaking ground on new facilities. From L to R: Congressman Blake Moore; Governor Spencer Cox; Wendy Williams; Chris Ellerhorst, VP, Kuiper Program, United Launch Alliance; John Slaughter, Sr. Dir., Commercial Programs, NG.

The NG expansion to new state-of-the art facilities will support nearly every phase of solid rocket motor manufacturing, including case manufacturing, propellant mixing and casting, and final assembly.

The infrastructure investment and expansion of solid rocket motor manufacturing will more than triple the company's capacity to deliver its 63-inch-diameter Graphite Epoxy Motor (GEM 63) solid rocket booster and the extended length variation (GEM 63XL), which will be critical to support the new contract award received from United Launch Alliance (ULA) in June.

"We're adding to our existing industry-leading facilities and modernizing through digital transformation, automation and process improvement to accelerate technical advancements for our customers," said Wendy Williams, VP, propulsion systems, NG. "This expansion will bring hundreds of new jobs to the area and increase our supplier base significantly."

The expansion will be completed in numerous phases, with all areas expected to be fully operational by 2025. In addition to new construction, modernization plans are underway to existing areas, including the purchase of cutting-edge manufacturing equipment, tooling and support equipment to streamline processes, enhance product delivery and increase capacity and output.

(Excerpt from Northrop Grumman Newsroom: <https://news.northropgrumman.com>, dated 8/10/22.)

...SUMMER PICNIC PICTURE SAMPLES...

The weather for the picnic was outstanding...a little cooler than usual for us. Nice! The crowd was just the perfect size, conversation and great camaraderie abundant, and, thanks to Ron Clements and Glenn Webb (and Alice and Patty, of course!) as the Lawler's BBQ and setting in the pavilion couldn't have been better.

Thanks to All for helping to make it another outstanding event! BTW, leftovers were taken to the

305 8th Street Home for diverse disabled adults.

If the summer heat factor has kept you from attending this event, please remember that we always have a covered pavilion at our disposal which has overhead fans. So, it can be warm (usually 10°F cooler on the mountain than in town), or wet, but We are always comfortable. And, the food from Lawler's is delicious. If you've missed out in the past, come join us in 2023. ***You'll be glad you did!***



Wayne McCain & Harold Whitesides catching up on TC times, and what's happened since then.



L-R: Gerald and Juanita Roberts discuss plans for the next event with Jan Kranert!



Top: Son, Bill Yell (in a runoff election for City Council District 2 on Tues, 20 Sep. Don't forget to vote! Every vote counts.) Seated: Father, Billy Ray Yell, who worked in Quality/Inspection at TC/HD.



L-R: Chuck, Anna and Charlie Thomas



Alice Clements and Bill Barnes



Lorra and Ray Zimmerman



Cecil & Shirley Stokes



Billy Ray Yell & Bill Russell rehashing old times.



Liz Hall (Zeman) & Jacqueline Whitesides

Come join the fun next year...and plan to walk the Nature Trail. It's beautiful!

Additional photos may be found at HDAA.SmugMug.com of other events as well. If you don't remember the password to view photos, contact one of the Board members.

FRIENDS IN THE NEWS....



Country living and working so well with Mother Earth must agree with **Kellie (Flanigan) and Donald Clement**. They are so obviously happy, and I Swear they seem to get younger with

each passing year! *Looking good, y'all! And living the good life.*

Dale Hutchens is a man of Many talents. Playing many different venues, he's been enjoyed by thousands over the years! Thanks, Dale. *Keep on enjoying the best things in life!*

Dianne Sorter was recently in a car accident.



Dr. D

Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers for a full and speedy recovery! *Prayers headed your way!*



Many thanks to **Sue Schwarz** for sharing the information at right about the great annual festival shown. You don't have to go to New England to see the beautiful fall color....it's right here in our great state, especially in Mentone, Alabama!



HOW TO REMOVE PERMANENT MARKER FROM EVRYTHING!

Those Sharpie® permanent markers are not as permanent as we thought! Here are a few suggestions that just might work. They haven't all been tested/"fact-checked," but, the ones that have truly worked. Check out KitchenCraftyFun.com for other great ideas.

- Clothes—Use hand sanitizer
- Walls—Use toothpaste or hairspray
- Wood—Use rubbing alcohol
- Carpet—Use white vinegar
- Furniture—Use milk
- White Board—Use dry erase marker or pencil rubber eraser
- Ceramic or Glass—Use 1 part toothpaste with 1 part baking soda
- Skin—Use baby oil

...Hope you never to try any of these out...

Dealing With A Loved One's Diagnosis...

When Any loved one receives a serious diagnosis (development disability, chronic condition, or illness such as cancer) it might be difficult to know how to truly help. Try:

Babysitting: Watch children while patients are at appointments, or provide money for a respite service.

Help with household tasks: Make meals, mow the lawn, help with homework, drive siblings to activities, etc.

Know when to talk and when to listen: Refrain from making suggestions about treatments/therapies. Some folks may want to have other topics to discuss, some may just enjoy the relaxation of your silent, loving presence.

Sitting in on appointments: Help listen to the doctor, ask questions and take notes. Offer to attend a local support group for caregivers for moral support.

Tend to the siblings: Spend one-on-one quality time with all the siblings. This can help all the children feel more secure and may stop some misbehaving for attention.

Relying on routine: Routines are often comforting to kids and adults alike, so don't change your usual activities and discipline unless there are practical reasons to do so.

Normalizing treatment: Make medical care a matter-of-fact part of the daily routine, like putting away toys or brushing teeth. Offer positive reinforcement.

Having fun: No matter the diagnosis, children Especially need to have fun. Go to the zoo, stream a silly TV show or play games. If you're feeling overwhelmed, be sure to take care of Yourself.

(Excerpt from Mayo Clinic Health Letter, August 2022)

***Do the best you can until you know better.
Then, when you know better....Do Better!***

- Maya Angelou



Our own **Benny Pitsinger**, center guitarist/vocalist, and his rock and roll band, The Incontinentals. Check them out....they are Fabulous!

The Next Stage

The Huntsville Division Alumni Association
P.O. Box 4185
Huntsville, AL 35815-4185

REMINDER: \$12 DUES FOR 2022 WERE DUE 1/1/22

IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY SUBMITTED, PLEASE
CONSIDER DOING SO. KEEP HDAA ALIVE...THANKS!



Labor Day — 9/5
Patriot Day — 9/11
Grandparents Day — 9/11
Pow/MIA Recognition Day—9/16
Brookdale Breakfast—9/17
Huntsville City Council Runoff Election 9/20
Peace Day — 9/21
Autumn Begins — 9/22
Columbus Day—10/10
Halloween—10/31
Daylight Savings Time Ends—11/6
Election Day—11/8
Veteran's Day—11/11

Place
Stamp
Here

Place Label Here

VOLUME 27, ISSUE 3

THE NEXT STAGE

SEPTEMBER 2, 2022

The Next Stage is the quarterly newsletter publication of the Huntsville Division Alumni Association, Inc. Distribution: approximately 100. (FYI: Started with ~350 27 years ago.) Editor: Patti Wilson.

Its address: HDAA, POB 4185; Huntsville, AL; 35815-4185.

The 2022 HDAA Board consists of :
President/Tom Bryant, VP/Ray Zimmerman,
Secretary/Cecil Stokes, Treasurer/
Membership/Charlie Thomas. Directors:
(22) Bill Barnes, (22) Jim Gasaway, (22)
Juanita Roberts; (23) Ron Clements, (23)
Benny Pittsinger, (23) Glenn Webb; (24) Jan
Kranert, (24) Gerald Roberts, (24) Patti
Wilson.

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

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

*See you at Brookdale on Saturday, 17
September, 09:00. Enjoy a delicious
breakfast and stay a while to visit and get
caught up on what's happening
in each other's lives.*

In Fond Memory...

We join the families in mourning the loss of
family, friend(s) and prior coworker(s):

Nita Boyd: (Zoom memorial service delayed to 6/18. See HDAA/Facebook.)

Russell Davis: Who worked in Production/Tactical Motor Loading.

Milton Page: Who worked in Engineering/Components Development Group.

J. R. "Jim" Sides, Sr.: Worked at TC/HD in the late 1950s before moving to
ARC, now a part of Aerojet.



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 know of others who may have passed, please let us know
so we can offer condolences.

Prayers for peace and comfort to all who are suffering in some way.



*If you
Stumble,
Make it part of the
Dance!*

