

The Next Stage

Sept. 12 Dinner at Valley Hill Reservations Being Taken

VP Foots McCauley has made arrangements for an HDAA dinner meeting on September 12 at Valley Hill Country Club. This Thursday evening get-together will be purely social; neither a program nor a business agenda is planned. Social hour will start at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:45. A cash bar will be open during social hour.

The menu will consist of Bar-B-Q chicken, oven-roasted potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, cheesecake, bread, and beverages. The total cost, including tax and tip, is \$10.00 per person. As always, we need to get prepaid reservations into the PO box two days in advance of the dinner. (Send checks "for Sept. dinner" to POB 4185; 35815-4185.)

We have reserved the second-floor dining room, but we will need to move downstairs if we have a crowd much larger than we had for the spring dinner. So, please get reservations in as soon as practical to allow the adjustment to be made if necessary. Refunds can be made for cancellations made two days in advance or later if another member wants to use the reservation.

BBQ Enjoyed by 112 at First Annual Picnic

Good bar-b-q from Gibson's, good music from Young Country, heat from the summer sun, and good fellowship of 112 HDAA family members marked the first annual HDAA Picnic. Building 7649 turned out to be an excellent site for the picnic, giving everyone a chance to cool off while serving their plates.

Event Chair Nita Boyd says "Thanks to the helpers, the HD Alumni Picnic was a big success. A special THANK YOU to the planners: Stan Kilpatrick (who didn't get to attend, but worked hard setting up anyway), Paulette Sellers (decorations, refreshments, and was the official GREETER at the gate), Jo Tipton (found the caterer -- the food was great), and Cecil Walden (setting up and the great band, Young Country; he and his family were the only ones to brave the heat and dance). A Thank You to the early arrivals who helped with last minute details: Jim and Ola Ann Lee, Marlyn Moman, Paulette Sellers, Cecil and Shirley Stokes, Billy and Dianne Sorter, Gene and Iva Thomas, Eric and Kim Walden, and Cecil and Linda Walden." And a BIG thanks to Nita!!!

Plan Now for Dec. 12 Party

Jo Tipton has reserved the ballroom of the Holiday Inn at Madison Square for the HDAA Christmas Party on December 12. Tentative plans call for an event very similar to what we had last year except that we will have room for more people and probably even a dance floor. Suggestions and volunteers are solicited.

New Members Welcomed

We welcome the following new members who joined during the past quarter: Bonard Allen, David and Jennie Aycock, Bill and Iris Aycock, Al and Mary Brazelton, Marvin and Betty Ann Brewer, Vern and Deane Bush, Clifford and Rosetta Chunn, Bill and Faye Cooley, Chester Franklin, Floyd French, Arlin and Mary Graves, Gerri and Rodger Gurley, Steve and Melissa Hancock, Jesse and Mary Hopkins, Rob and Anne Jones, Vernon and Geraldine Maroney, Mike and Ginger Meagher, Bill Metchnik, Helen and Raymond Mitchell, John and Martha Nelson, Henry and Irene Nocke, Felton Norris, Connie Oswald, Bob and Jo Ann Overall, Roger and Betty Pittman, Jay and Lucile Pockrus,

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Bill and Joyce Robinson, Bernie Sandlin, Bobby and Eunice Traylor, Brenda and Kris Turner, Harold and Jackie Whitesides, Ruby and L.G. Windsor, David and Gaylene Yarbrough. (Spouses are listed when both names are provided.)

Plant Heads Toward Zero

Plant employment is down to about 60 people involved in disposing of company property and preparing the plant to turn over to the Army. After September, only a few working property disposal are expected to remain. Another employee/retiree sale and a final Koll Dove sale are planned.

Times Covers Plant Closing

The 7 July edition of the Huntsville Times carried a full-page feature story on the closing of the Huntsville Division after 48 years of operation.

At the suggestion of Sam

The Next Stage is the quarterly newsletter of the Huntsville Division Alumni Association, Inc. PO Box 4185, Huntsville, AL 35815-4185. Officers of the association are: Cecil Stokes, President; Fouts McCauley, Vice President; Joyce Newton Royston, Secretary; Charles O. Jones, Treasurer; and Directors Nita Boyd; Gene Burroughs; Tom Bryant; Larry Davis; Bill Fiser; Dorothy Franklin; Stan Kilpatrick; Jim Lee; John Marlin; Paulette Sellers; Joe Smith; Billy Ray Sorter; Gene Thomas; Jo Tipton; Roy Willis; Cecil Walden; Todd Wall; and Glenn Webb. The next Board meeting is scheduled for 9/24/96 at 5:00 at Faith Presbyterian Church.

Preserving History

HDAA is working with the Heritage Room of the Huntsville Library to preserve HD newsletters, photographs, and other items of historical value. Let officers know if you have material to be included or if you are interested in participating.

Vance, Times business writer Marian Accardi contacted several HD pioneers and others to gather information. She even joined a retiree group for lunch at El Palacio in June.

Personal Notes:

Ginger Simmons is now secretary to the President of Home Bank of Guntersville. She was in the process of preparing a resume when she learned of this job opening a lot closer to home.

Ginger had been secretary to the Division Manager since 1991. She and husband Larry, a hearing officer for the Alabama Department of Human Resources, were recently seen checking out computers purchased at the July 22 employee sale.

Jeff Jones is working for ERC in support of Redstone Technical Test Center..

Paulette Sellers is now Chief of Security for Dynetics. They had a luncheon for her to introduce her to her new staff.

Bob Langley now has two new knees. Son Warren was home for the '61 HHS 35th reunion.

Charlie Jones is working his CPA practice full-time these days.

Dr. Meredith Miller

died at his home of a coronary on 24 August. Meredith, who was the picture of health at 74, was working in his yard when wife Theresa left on an errand; but, she found him lying lifeless on their bed when she returned a short time later. His funeral was officiated by daughter Beverly's husband, Rev. Ray Hickman of Tulsa. Sons David and James live in Atlanta and Mesquite, TX, respectively. Five grandchildren also mourn.

Jack Hagler and Jim Lee participated in the funeral service, articulating the admiration and sense of loss felt by Meredith's many Thiokol and Kiwanis friends. Rev. Houston Hodges spoke of Meredith's work and leadership in the Presbyterian Church.

Dedication:

This newsletter could be filled with memories of Meredith Miller, but this would be a precedent hard to follow. Nevertheless, the editor takes the liberty of dedicating the effort going into this newsletter to the memory of colleague, friend, and mentor Meredith Miller. Our thoughts are with Theresa.

HD People Complimented

John Carpenter, VP of F&A for the DLV organization that has been overseeing the dismantling of the Huntsville Division, was on hand for the viewing of equipment to be auctioned. His casual comments included high praise for the conscientious efforts of all Huntsville Division personnel in accomplishing their assigned tasks in spite of the circumstances.

The Mailbag

A few members responded to our request for updated personal information that helps us to keep track of one another. Please add your information. (POB 4185)

Jack Hagler is enjoying retirement. He is a Master Gardener, is serving as a Director of the Huntsville Kiwanis Club, is a Directory of the Volunteer Center, and continues to work genealogy. He published a book on his mother's family history in 1996. Jack and Helen are preparing to travel to England, Ireland, and Scotland in September. They have one son, two daughters, and five grandchildren (the cutest, sweetest, and smartest...).

Jack Godsey is semi-retired and says he loves his life, where he lives (Guntersville), what he does, and excellent health. He is self employed at Bruce's Restaurant, where he works as repairman, busboy, and gofer. He recently cut up 200 chickens non-stop, is rebuilding a '66 Mustang and a '57 Feathercraft boat. He lists three sons and four daughters, best known for independence. His nine grandchildren are best known for their charm and good looks. Jack and Judy took a cruise (Jack's first) to Grand Cayman and nearly froze. This is "the most fun part of his life so far."

Dale Hutchens continues to work full time for Thiokol, as a staff chemist for Space Operations (NASA support) in Huntsville. Dale says he recently put 4500 miles on his car on a family trip to Arizona. Dale has one son and one daughter.

Sam Zeman is working part-time for Stone Engineering as a senior propulsion engineer. Sam and Nora have a son, who is a dentist, and a daughter, who is with Merrill Lynch in Tallahassee, and two grandchildren who are "Grandma's pets."

Ron Clements is retired but working hard building Habitat homes as part of the Trinity United Methodist Church team. Ron and Alice have two sons, one daughter, and a granddaughter best known for red hair and curls.

Rob Jones is retired, but working as a volunteer campground host in the Smokies. This is a regular duty six weeks at a time. Rob and Anne also recently spent two months touring the northwest U.S. and nearby Canada.

Bob Glick reports by e-mail that he is still employed by Talley in Arizona and has just completed a major expansion of his home. Wife Marilyn is in software development and telecommutes to Denver from home.

Mrs. Goodloe Thanks TMC

"Thank you so much for your gift in memory of John to the Boy Scouts. The organization meant so much to him.

"As Thiokol is closing down, many memories return of the wonderful group it has been for so many years. ...

"I hope someone receives this because the contribution meant a lot to me, and I'd really like for all of the members to know.

Sincerely,

Rosemary Goodloe

Attendees at June Picnic

Attendees at the picnic on June 22 included:

Rich Alfiero, Wes and Susan Ausley and family, Martha Allred, Billy and Mary Beal, Nita Boyd, Al and Mary Brazelton, Betty Bryant, Tom Bryant and son John, Vern and Dean Bush, Charlie Christian and wife, Ron and Alice Clements, John and Ella Cobble, Bill and Faye Cooley, Billy and Marjorie East, Gordon Fletcher, Chester Franklin, Izzy and Roberta Friedman, Jack and Judy Godsey, Billy and Anna Graham, Red Hayes, Deann and Avis Herbert, Gene and Linda Huckaby, Jimmy and Sue Johnson, Rob Jones, Bob Lakebrink, Jim and Ola Ann Lee, Sharon Livingston, Tom and Libby Loder, E. J. Magnusson, Marlyn Moman, John and Martha Nelson,

Doris and Paul Osmer, Bob and Jo Ann Overall, Linda Pinson, Truman and Gayle Rains, Gerald and Juanita Roberts, Joe Robertson, Billy Russell, Calvin and Elna Sanderson, Millard and Ella Scoggin, Paulette Sellers, Jacky Shelton and wife, Billy and Dianne Sorter, Harold and Mary Ann Speake, Bill Stogner, Cecil and Shirley Stokes, Walt and Sue Terry, Gene and Iva Thomas, Wayne and Dorothy Throneberry, Jo and Charlie Tipton, Eric and Kim Walden, Cecil and Linda Walden, Millie Wallace with son Len and 2 grandchildren, Glenn and Patty and Webb, Harold and Jackie and Whitesides, Mary Ann and Henry Williams, Ruthy Wilson, Don and Patti and Wilson, and Sam and Nora Zeman.

HDAA Information to Pass Along

Membership

All former employees of Thiokol's Huntsville Division and their spouses (including surviving spouses of deceased former employees) are invited to Join HDAA. Others who had a close

The official objectives of HDAA are:

1. to promote the mutually enjoyable and beneficial association of the individuals employed by Thiokol's Huntsville Division during its 46-year history,
2. to preserve the good image of the organization and foster the spirit that we found to be valuable, and
3. to sponsor those activities that the membership deems to be in keeping with other objectives.

association with the division (as customers, suppliers, etc.) but were never its employees are invited to consider an associate membership (most privileges).

Activities

With one definite meeting per year, all other activities are subject to determination by the board in response to membership desires.

A pattern of quarterly get-togethers has developed: a spring dinner, a summer picnic, an autumn dinner, and a December party. A quarterly newsletter, telling of activities of HDAA and news of individual members, is distributed to members.

An HDAA committee is attempting to maintain in-depth

benefits reports, previously available at HD, and other such data to supplement summaries sent from Utah.

HDAA will also interact with smaller groups of alumni who meet more often and will look for ways to provide mutual support.

Costs

An initiation fee of \$5 and annual dues of \$12 (\$1 per month) have been set. The board can waive these if a hardship exists.

Officers

HDAA business is conducted by an elected Board of Directors. The current board includes past leaders of both the Management Club and AFL-CIO Local 1325. Join us!

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