

The Next Stage

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Spring

BREAKFAST...SATURDAY, MARCH 29

Join us at the **Senior Center** on Drake Avenue, in Huntsville, for our Spring Breakfast on Saturday, **March 29th**. The buffet should begin about **9:00 a.m.**, but come a little early and join friends for a little conversation, coffee and juice before eating.

The cost is **\$8/person** for OJ, coffee, milk, cereal, fruit, eggs, hash browns, bacon, sausage, biscuits, gravy, and sweet rolls. And, if you're so inclined, second servings are often available!

Your **paid reservations** should be mailed to HDAA, P. O. Box 4185, Huntsville, AL, 35815-4185 by **Monday, March 24**, so Kurt Lineback knows how much food to prepare.

Hope we see you there...and, come hungry!

REMEMBER!

If you need a ride, please give Nita Boyd/726-0215 a call, and she'll try to arrange something for you.

Carpool...continue the friend celebration!



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9:00 a.m. buffet begins
Senior Center/Drake Avenue
Cost is \$8 per person
Paid Reservations by Monday, March 24

ATK Making Shuttle Booster Separation Motors (BSM)

In the 1970s, Don Wilson & Fouts McCauley worked on a proposal to use a modified Maverick motor for the NASA BSM. TC/HD won everything except the cost. United Technology submitted a low-ball cost bid and won the program. However, ATK took the program from UTC in 2003, and is currently making the BSM. The first Shuttle flight with an ATK BSM was on STS-122 in February of this year.

ATK Receives \$52M Contract to Modernize Army Ammunition Plant

ATK, the largest supplier of small caliber ammunition in the US military, received a contract from the Army to modernize the Lake City Ammunition Plant in Independence,

Regular events you might want to attend...

Monthly:

1st Wed: Ladies lunch, 11:15 am. Call Joyce Royston/539-4338 for details.

2nd Tue: Breakfast at Mullins/Andrew Jackson Way, 07:30. Call Bill Russell at 650-5400 for details.

3rd Wed: Lunch at El Palacio, 12:00. Call Sam Zeman at 881-6099 for details.

Come Join Us!



During the fall, Chuck and Annelie Owens (shown above, at right) spent a week in Washington, DC, together with their son, Ken, and daughter-in-law, Diane (shown at left). While they were there, they had the opportunity of visiting many of the sights, including the Capital and the White House, and were fortunate to visit with our Congressman, Bud Cramer (middle), and enjoyed lunch in the Congressional Dining Room. Chuck said, "The beans were all that they say they are. It was a great trip!"



A True Beauty!

Introducing Samantha Ann Vance, at 1 year and 8 months, above, sporting her favorite fashion...her grandpa's hat. Sam and Lo Vance must be very proud, indeed... and, we bet she's already melting many a heart!

...You go, girl...

Next Board Mtg:

(2nd Thurs each qrtr)
Apr 10, 2008
5:00 pm, Faith Presbyterian Church,
SE corner of Whitesburg/Airport.
Come see what your Board does for you!

Dates to Remember: 2008

3/29: Spring Bkfst at the Senior Center.
6/7: Picnic at Green Mountain Nature Trail.
9/9: Fall Dinner TBD
12/4: Christmas Party at the RSAOCC.

Details will follow in future newsletters

CHRISTMAS PARTY DAZZLE—2007



Paul McFall and Ernie Larose co-chaired a fabulous Christmas party at the Redstone Officers and Civilians Club. Paul is shown at left as he welcomes everyone to the party. As usual, the club provided beautiful decorations and a delicious buffet; and,

the Ron Simmons band provided fantastic music, to which we all enjoyed dancing. Paul and Ernie did some great shopping for door prizes, which included: garden tools, stock pot, laser level, wireless thermometer, hacksaw blades, 8-place setting of dinner ware, a gorgeous marble accent table (congratulations, Bobbie!), digital MP3 player, 11-piece serving set, cordless drill, volt-ohm meter, golf balls, \$50 gift certificate to Carraba's, spice rack, Lancome perfume and lotion, make-up and bag, 8-function TV-lantern-ratio, rain gauge, 4 tickets to a HSV Theater play, Kessariss Ladies watch, electric drill, and more. Now, see what you're missing if you don't attend this fun event!

Attendees: Bill/Amma Barnes, "Bazz" and Kathy (Reynolds) Bazzell, Billy/MaryJo Beal, Nita Boyd, Carole/Tom Bryant, Ron Clements, Bill/Faye Cooley, John/Linda DeHaye, Billy/Marjorie East, John Grider, Paulette Hamblin, Lillian Hawkins, Tom/Blanche Irby, Charlie/Holley Jones, Andy/Rosa Karabinos, Ernie/Anita Larose, Ola Ann Lee, Foots/Angele McCauley, Paul/Bobbie McFall, John/Martha Nelson, Harold Nelson, Jake/Betsy Reep, Bill/Joyce Robinson, Don/Joyce Royston, Cecil/Shirley Stokes, Bobby Tanner, Gene/Iva Thomas, Charlie/Anna Thomas, Brenda Turner, Tom/Sharon Turner, Sam/Lo Vance, Glenn/Patty Webb, Harold/Earline Webb, Jerry/Nancy Webb, Harold/Jackie Whitesides, Marc/June Whitfield, Roy/Betty Willis, Don/Patti Wilson.

Again, lauds to Paul and Ernie for such a wonderful time! More photos can be seen on MyFamily.com, managed by Cecil Stokes (thanks, again, Cec!). If you haven't explored the website, contact Cec at CStokes@hiwaay.net for details on how to be invited to join.

Life affords no higher pleasure than that of surmounting difficulties, passing from one step of success to another, forming new wishes and seeing them gratified. He that labors in any great or laudable undertaking has his fatigues first supported by hope, then rewarded with joys and riches.



More Christmas Dazzle...

Billy/Evelyn East MaryJo/Billy Beal



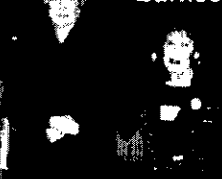
Foots/Angela McCauley John Grider



Tom Bryant Roy/Betty Willis



Carole Bryant Amma Barnes



Bill & Joyce Robinson



Hollie & Charlie Thomas



Shirley/Cecil Stone Ron Clements



The Ron Simmons band, shown at left with Ron in the middle, provided excellent dancing music, as evidenced by all of the photos taken on the dance floor! Easy listening, that

kept the mood mellow and the feet tapping.

Mark your calendars NOW to join us at the next Christmas gala on 12/4/2008!

You won't want to miss the fun...or the door prizes.

From Our READERS

Bill/Amma Barnes' life has "gone to the dogs"...Just ask "Squeaky", the pet mouse!

Terry Dillard, ATK Launch Systems, is joining us at HDAA...as well as Richard Morgan.

Nice to have some more "young blood" amongst us.

Roy and Betty Willis have a cousin whose husband is being inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame. Fun! Wonder when we'll see Roy and Betty sporting about in their Vette.....

Jerry and Nancy Webb, shown at right, celebrated a wonderful event in their lives this month — their 50th wedding anniversary on March 1! What a magnificent milestone to celebrate. Congratulations to you both!

And...best wishes for many more anniversaries to come.



El Palacio Lunch Bunch...

Join some of the "regulars" on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Shown below, left to right, Jake Reep, Marc Whitfield, Walt Terry, Roy Willis, Steve Adameck, Garland Grace.

Call Sam Zeman for details.



WELCOME New Members!

Jim Ferrara & Marion Gibson

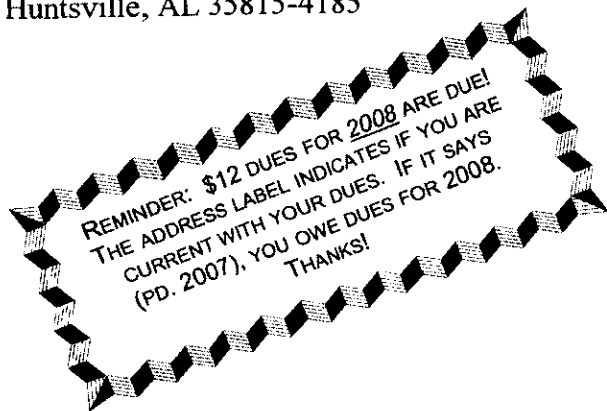
...DID YOU KNOW...

- 8,000 Americans are turning 60 years old each day! Almost 4,000 of them admit it. *G.L. Smith Associates.*
- According to Jim Cramer, host of *Mad Money* on CNBC, as well as a syndicated radio program, and well known author, investing in stocks will make your children/grandchildren much larger profits than if they kept their money in banks. Buy one share of a child-oriented stock (clothing, games, TV shows, movies, food theme parks, etc.) , and teach them early to become comfortable as part "owner" of a company, following their holdings. You will be ingraining the investment process and making it fun!
- A look back at your family medical history may lead to a healthier future. The first step in documenting a family health history is to create a family tree. The Surgeon General offers a free online tool that can be printed and shared with family members or your doctor. Go to "My Family Health Portrait" at: <https://familyhistory.hhs.gov>. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also have free information and resources available at www.cdc.gov/genomics/public/famhist.htm. *Mayo Clinic Healthsource, 12/07*

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For Internet information, see: <http://home.hiwaay.net/~hdaa/> (going away soon) Or...MyFamily.com (contact Cecil for details)

See You at the Senior Center on 3/29!

In Fond Memory...

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

Jim Berry: Worked in Engineering, Marketing, GA Space Booster Plant.

Joyce Buford: Wife of W.E. Buford, a Foreman in Maintenance.

Bill Dunlap: Was a Supervisor in Maintenance.

John Gault: Technician in the Pilot Lines area.

Arlin Graves: Worked in Engineering for over 30 years.

Jane Guzzo: Wife of Tony Guzzo, who worked in Quality.

Aubry Lee Hudson: Worked at Line 5, then Scheduling.

Merl Larimer: 1950s/60s Propellant Development Group, then to ARC.

Deborah Pelham: Daughter of Margaret/Joe Pelham, Mgr, Testing/Qual.

Eunice Presto: Wife of Bob Presto, Contract Negotiations.

Dorothy Pruitt: Wife of Elmer Pruitt, who worked in Purchasing.

Barbara Russell (2/07): Wife of Bill Russell, who worked in Chemistry.

Elizabeth Shelton: Wife of Ben Shelton, who worked in Marketing.

Simpson Smith: Was a Foreman in Maintenance.

They will be sorely missed by us all.

Our heartfelt sympathy to those who have lost other loved ones, as well.

If we have missed condolences, it's because we were unaware.

