

The Next Stage

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Newsletter of The Huntsville Division Alumni Association

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CHRISTMAS LUNCH @ MAGNOLIA TRACE!

The annual Christmas party has been scheduled for **Saturday, December 7th**, at **Magnolia Trace**, 1 Clubhouse Avenue, (behind DoubleTree Inn by MainStreet South). Social hour begins at **11:00 a.m.**, and the buffet lunch at **12:00 p.m.** but stay and visit 'til 3 p.m. **Cost is \$15 per person!**

Dues must be current, so check your mailing label to check your status. We don't want to miss you or your guests!

Paid reservations are required by noon Saturday, November 30th, and may be submitted to HDAA P.O. Box 4185, Huntsville, AL 35815-4185.

Chairman, Gene Thomas, and Cecil Stokes have done an excellent job getting ready for this exciting and festive annual event.

We'll be served a delicious fare of tossed salad,

bread, orange ginger roasted chicken, beef tenderloin, asparagus, lemony almond green beans, rosemary roasted new potatoes, creamed sweet potatoes, pecan pie, chocolate mousse truffle cake, coffee, tea and water. A wine bar will be available before, with, and after lunch (until it runs out!).

Door prizes this year will be an assortment of *gift cards* from various establishments! They seemed to be well received by all winners last year. Come test your luck.....

*Join us for fun and
win an evening
out on the town!*



Next Board Mtgs:

(2ndThurs each qtr)

Jan 9, Apr 10,

Jul 10, Oct 9, 2014

5:00 pm, Faith

Presbyterian Church,

SE corner of

Whitesburg/Airport.

Come see what your

Board does for you!

*Got suggestions for
New activities/events?*

*Contact a Board
member and let them
know!*

Dates to Remember:

2013

12/7: Christmas Party
(Magnolia Trace)

2014

-Spring Breakfast TBD

-6/7 Summer Picnic

-Fall Dinner TBD

-Christmas Party TBD

Plan NOW to attend...

Keep in close touch
with good friends.

Monthly:

1st Wed: Ladies

lunch, 11:00. 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
Don Royston/539-
4338 for details.

Come Join the Fun!

Christmas Party: Saturday, Dec 7th

11 a.m. Social - 12 p.m. Buffet Lunch

Visit until 3 p.m. — Magnolia Trace

Cost is \$15 per person

Reservations by Saturday, 11/30 To

P.O. Box 4185, HSV, AL 35815-4185

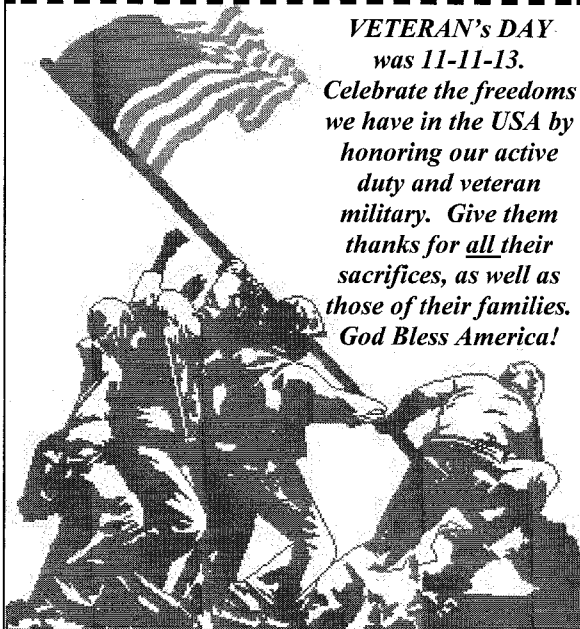
ENGINEERING LUNCH!

The annual luncheon will be held on Monday, December 16, 11:00 a.m. at Logan's on Balmoral Dr/HSV (in the "garage"). Contact Nita Boyd at 256/603-7349 for a head count. Spread the word to others! *See you there!*

VETERAN's DAY

was 11-11-13.

*Celebrate the freedoms
we have in the USA by
honoring our active
duty and veteran
military. Give them
thanks for all their
sacrifices, as well as
those of their families.
God Bless America!*



*Remember: Many soldiers give their ALL.....for
us. Give those you see your sincere thanks, as you
look directly into their eyes. They'll appreciate it!*

Be A Soldier Yourself...

And Help Save A Life...A Family

Brenda Turner (TC/HD Info. Technology) is helping to raise funds for her neighbor's son, Michael Lance Putnam, a 40-year old who has leukemia. Lance and wife, Jenny, have two children: Sawyer/7 and Sydney/5, and live in Paint Rock. Lance did have two businesses, but had to close one because of his illness, and the other makes just enough to remain open and pay employees, not allowing it as a source of income. Jenny is a school teacher, so they find it difficult to meet sky-rocketing medical and daily living expenses. He has had two rounds of chemo and a stem cell transplant, and is currently awaiting the 100-day timeframe to see if the transplant is successful. If not successful, he will have to have another transplant.

If you'd like to help out someone locally, and make a real difference in a family's life, you can make a donation to Michael Lance Putnam at Cadence Bank in Paint Rock, AL.

Help to make their holidays a little brighter, their lives a little lighter.

Keep them all in your thoughts and prayers!

FALL LUNCH SPECTACULAR!

The Fall Lunch, held at Brookdale Place, Jones Farm, was another resounding success. The 49 attendees thoroughly enjoyed the meal catered by Kurt Lineback — so much so they lingered quite a while enjoying the camaraderie. Shown below having a great time, L-R, Row 1: Faye/David Jones, John/Martha Nelson; Row 2: Helen Mitchell, Glenn Webb, Don/Joyce Royston.



Other attendees: Bill/Amma Barnes, Pat Barnes, Billy/MaryJo Beal, John D./Joyce Brown, Bryce Brubaker, Ron/Alice Clements, Bernie/Jackie Cobb, John/Linda DeHaye, Jim/Misha Gasaway, Jack/Helen Hagler, Fouts/Angele McCauley, Margaret Pelham, Jake/Betsy Reep, Cecil/Shirley Stokes, Charlie/Anna Thomas, Gene/Iva Thomas, Jim Tucker, Harold/Earlene Webb (with guests, daughter/granddaughter, Becky/Amanda Ballentine), Roy/Betty Willis, Don/Patti Wilson, Sam/Liz Zeman.

Remember, more color photos are always available on MyFamily.com/HDAA.

A special thanks to Don Royston for his exceptional work, Cecil for providing a friendly reminder about the event, and to Harold Webb for offering the blessing. Come join us next year. You'll be glad you did!

FRIENDS IN THE NEWS....

Nita Boyd has relocated to South AL in order to be closer to her beautiful grandchildren (and son and daughter-in-law, of course!). She is absolutely relishing her time with her family, but does miss seeing her Huntsville friends. She is, on occasion, able to come north to visit her friends, so we will get to see her every once in a while! Before she left Huntsville, and on successive trips here, she tries to visit folks who hold a very special place in her heart. Below, L-R: Sue/Walt Terry, Nita; Nancy/Jerry Webb, Nita.



Shown at left, Sue Terry has brought nature inside with her family tree, a labor of love. What a wonderfully creative couple—Walt, the writer and Sue, the artist.

Good friends, good memories!



Always remember to forget the things that made you sad. But, never forget to remember the things that made you glad!

Please keep the following folks in your thoughts and prayers: Sue Ferrara, Jack Hagler, Walt Terry, Jerry Webb, John L. Williams and others you may know who are ailing.

Blessings to all!

FRAUD SUMMIT HELD AT MARRIOTT, HUNTSVILLE, AL

If you have never been to one, and have an opportunity to attend, don't pass it up! Information was invaluable, with panelists from the AL Attorney General's office, AL Securities Commission, BBB of N AL, HSV Police Department, Madison County Sheriff's Department, Madison Police Department, and TARCOC. Topics covered were Medicare fraud, sweepstakes/lotteries, work-at-home schemes, investment schemes, home improvement schemes, Affordable Healthcare Act, bogus debt collection scams, and many other topics.

Medical ID Theft/Medicare fraud are big business. Medical ID theft occurs when someone steals your personal information (name, SSN/Medicare number) to obtain medical care, buy drugs, submit fake billings to Medicare in your name, etc. It can disrupt your life, damage your credit rating, and waste taxpayer dollars. The damage can be life-threatening to you if the wrong information ends up in your personal medical records.

Any questions about your Medicare Summary Notice or Part D Explanation of Benefits? Check online at OIG.HHS.gov/fraud/hotline (Office of the Inspector General), or call 1-877-808-2468 (SMP—formerly Senior Medicare Patrol) to discuss problems, and ensure that your insurance needs are being met. If you have Medicare Part A and B, you are in compliance with ALL the new Affordable Healthcare Act (ObamaCare) criteria. Even if your company drops your secondary insurance, you are still covered and don't need ObamaCare. But, you will have to pay 20% of your expenses, unless you get another secondary insurance.

To be on the safe side, NEVER give out your personal information to anyone that calls you. Scam artists can sound very genuine and convincing...and steal your info.

ALWAYS ask before donating \$\$\$ to anyone. Are you picking them...or, are they picking you? Be safe. Be educated.

SLATE OF OFFICERS AND BOARD NOMINATED FOR 2014

If you can't attend the Christmas party, but would like to cast your vote, you may submit it, in writing to HDAA, P. O. Box 4185, Huntsville, AL, 35815-4185

Write-in candidates will be considered at the Christmas party business meeting.
(Highlighted names only to be voted upon at the meeting.)

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer/Membership

Ron Clements
Tom Bryant
Helen Mitchell
Charlie Thomas

Directors (14) Nita Boyd
John Grider
Charlie Thomas
Sam Vance
Patti Wilson

Directors (15) Carroll Bobb
Paulette Hamblin
Paul McFall
Don Royston
Don Wilson

Directors (16) Bill Barnes
Jim Lee
John Nelson
Cecil Stokes
Sam Zeman

Ex Officio: Jim Lee/Historian
Cecil Stokes/WebMaster

Retiring from the Board: John DeHays, Joyce Royston, Gene Thomas, Jerry Webb. Thanks for serving HDAA with your time and efforts!

(Thanks to the Nominating Committee for their recruiting efforts: Ron Clements, Bill Barnes, Don Royston. We know it gets more difficult with each passing year! So, please remember, membership: if you enjoy HDAA events and the newsletter, please think about serving on the HDAA Board. It takes a small amount of time, and brings great satisfaction.)

During this holiday season, those who've lost loved ones or are far from family members may feel alone. Why not take some time to be kind to someone you know who truly needs a bright star in their lives. You just might be a light they'll welcome.

Remember to be the change you want to see in the world...a sincere smile/warm heart can work wonders.



Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours. Count your blessings for the abundance we all have in our lives.



May your Christmas be as joyful and bright as the Light of the season that fills our hearts and lives.

Happy 2014! Be careful. Be safe.



Written by Cameo Smith, Mt. Wolf, PA

'Twas 11 days before Christmas, around 9:38,
When 20 beautiful children stormed through Heaven's gate.
Their smiles were contagious, their laughter filled the air.
They could hardly believe all the beauty they saw there.
They were filled with such joy, they didn't know what to say.
They remembered nothing of what had happened earlier that day.
"Where are we?" asked a little girl, as quiet as a mouse.
"This is Heaven," declared a small boy. "We're spending Christmas at God's house."
When what to their wondering eyes did appear, but Jesus, their savior...
And the children gathered near.
He looked at them and smiled, and they smiled just the same.
Then he opened His arms and He called them by name.
And, in that moment was joy that only Heaven can bring...
Those children all flew into the arms of their loving King.
As they lingered in the warmth of His embrace,
One small girl turned and looked at Jesus' face....
And, as if He could read all the questions she had,
He gently whispered to her, "I'll take care of mom and dad."
Then He looked down on earth, the world far below.
He saw all of the hurt, the sorrow, and woe.
He closed His eyes and He outstretched His hand,
"Let My power and presence re-enter this land!
May this country be delivered from the hands of fools...
I'm taking back My nation. I'm taking back My schools!"
Then He and the children stood up without a sound.
"Come now, My children, let Me show you around."
Excitement filled the space, some skipped and some ran...
All displaying enthusiasm that only a small child can.
And I heard Him proclaim as He walked out of sight,
"In the midst of this darkness, I AM STILL THE LIGHT!"

Can you relate?



Do You Have Any Old TC/HD Newsletters?

Jim Lee, HDAA Historian, is still trying to complete the Thiokol Archives at the Huntsville/Madison County Public Library. He

has been diligent in getting this job accomplished, with the help of many friends and prior coworkers who are "cleaning out" files, etc. In particular, Jim is currently looking for a number of newsletters from the Thiokol/Huntsville Division from the 1950s/60s/70s. If you have any old newsletters, please get in touch with Jim, and he can tell you which specific issues are missing. And, if you are looking for a good location to place your historical Thiokol information, the Archives is an excellent location for ALL to view for many years to come. If so inclined, share your history!

The Archives are located in the library on an upper level. You can simply ask directions, and they'll get you there.

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REMINDER: \$12 DUES FOR 2013 MUST BE CURRENT TO
ATTEND OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY!
WE DON'T WANT TO MISS YOU...OR YOUR GUESTS.

Thanksgiving—11/28

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day—12/7 (Sat.)

Christmas—12/25 (Wed.)

New Year's Day—1/1 (Wed.)

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Its address is POB 4185; Huntsville, AL; 35815-4185.

The 2013 HDAA Board consists of President Cecil Stokes, Vice President Ron Clements, Secretary Helen Mitchell, Treasurer/Membership Charlie Thomas, and Directors: Bill Barnes (13), John DeHaye (13), Joyce Royston (13), Gene Thomas (13), Jerry Webb (13), John Grider (14), Charlie Thomas (14) Sam Vance (14), Patti Wilson (14), Carroll Bobb (15), Paulette Hamblin (15), Paul McFall (15), Don Royston (15), Don Wilson (15). Ex-officio members of the Board are: Jim Lee/Historian, and Cecil Stokes/WebMaster, as well as serving as President.

MyFamily.com (contact Cecil for details)

*See you at Magnolia Trace Sat., 12-7!
Should be outstanding!*

In Fond Memory...

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

Genie Adams: Wife of Bob, who worked in Chemistry in the early 1960s.

Jack Burks: Worked in Program Management in Utah.

George Cassimus: Worked in Contract Administration in the early 1960s.

Ed Harbin: Worked in the Mail Room, and was a Guard.

Marguerite Parker: Worked in Quality, Process Control & Testing, 1960s.

They will be sorely missed by us all.

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

*The holiday season can be a difficult time for some.
Why not surprise someone with a call or drop them a note
to let them know you are thinking of them. Be a little light
In someone's life. Shine a little for others!*

