

# The Next Stage

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## FALL LUNCH AT BROOKDALE SEPTEMBER 10TH!

The Fall Lunch will be held at Brookdale Place/Jones Farm, 2815 Carl T. Jones Drive SE, Huntsville, on Saturday, 9/10. Social hour will begin 11:30 a.m., and lunch served at 12:00 Noon. The meal will consist of chicken cordon bleu, beef tips, two vegetables, a potato dish, dinner rolls, tea, coffee, water, and dessert. Cost to our members/guests will be \$10 per person. In order to have an accurate head count for Brookdale, please submit reservations/checks to HDAA, P.O. Box 4185, Huntsville, AL, 35815-4185 by Tuesday, September 6, 2016.

*Hope to see you there! Come hungry and ready to visit with friends a while....*

**Don Royston, committee chair, hopes you come join the fun!**  
*He works hard with Brookdale staff to ensure a great time.*



**Fall Lunch: Saturday, September 10th**  
**11:30 a.m. Social; Lunch 12:00 Noon!**  
**Brookdale/Jones Farm, HSV. Cost: \$10/person.**  
**Mail Paid Reservations by Tuesday, Sept 6**  
**to HDAA, POB 4185, HSV, AL 35815-4185.**

### Speaking of food—Ladies Lunch Bunch!

Retired or not, you are welcome to join our fun group at Gibson's BBQ on South Mem. Parkway (at Useless Overpass), 11:00 a.m. the first Wednesday of every month. We always enjoy the great food (especially those pies!), and love getting caught up on one another's lives. Let Joyce know if you plan on coming, so we can prepare GBBQ with a head count. *Y'all come join us, ya heah?* ☺



Left, front to back: Joyce Royston, Nancy Parker, Betty Bryant, Brenda Turner, Jean Walker. Right, front to back: Barbara Plonka, Helen Mitchell, Patti Wilson, Doris Osmer, Sharon Turner. Fine, fun women, all! Come join the laughter and camaraderie. We'd love it! *(Thanks to Sharon Turner for the photo.)*

Regular events you might want to attend:

#### Monthly:

**1st Wed:** Ladies lunch, 11:00 am, Gibson's BBQ on S. Mem Pkwy. Call Joyce Royston @ 256-539-4338 for details.

**2nd Tue:** Bill Russell is looking for suggestions for a place to meet for breakfast. Call Bill @ 256/650-5400. Need to see friends whenever possible these days! Never know what's around any corner.

**3rd Wed:** Lunch at El Palacio, 12:00. Call Jim Gasaway @ 256-353-7199 if you want a reminder email each month.

*Come join good friends and fun times!*

#### Next Board Mtg:

(2nd Thurs each qrtr)  
Oct 13, 2016  
2:30 pm, Faith Presbyterian Church, SE corner of Whitesburg/Airport.  
*Come join us ... new ideas are always welcome!*

#### Dates to Remember:

##### 2016

**9/10:** Brookdale's Fall Lunch. 11:30 a.m. social; lunch - 12 Noon.  
**12/3:** Christmas Party at Magnolia Trace! Details will follow in the next newsletter.

*See you there!  
...Come Hungry...*

*Mark your calendars now for these events.*

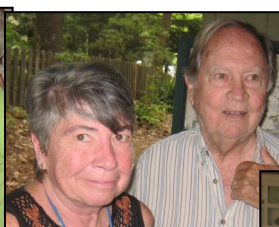
Aging: Eventually you reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it! After all, we've worked HARD to get this far...so, we're not old. We're better, wiser, more comfortable.  
.....Life Is Good...Thank you, God! .....

### SUMMER PICNIC MEMORIES!

Ron Clements/Glenn Webb/John Nelson held yet another wonderful picnic...with the weather cooperating perfectly. There was a good crowd: 48 members and spouses attended, enjoying the camaraderie and the excellent food, again provided by Lawler's BBQ. We even had some unexpected "guests" this year: a couple brought a casserole over to our table, thinking it was a group with whom they were affiliated. When they realized they were there on the wrong day for their group, it was too late to retrieve their casserole, since we had already thoroughly enjoyed it! They joined our group for a long while, enjoying the food, laughter and camaraderie. Our group has never met a stranger, so to speak, so a good time was had by all. BTW...the "guests" took home their empty casserole dish...and, hopefully, some good memories of new friends.

Folks brought some Thiokol memorabilia which all enjoyed perusing and reminiscing over. Some of us had hoped some of the memorabilia might be carried home by others, but, alas, no! Leftover food was donated to the 305 8th Street Home for diverse disabled adults. Always good to know we can help others! Thanks to all who brought the wonderful photo/scrapbook albums. What a wonderful memory rush.

Shown below are some photos from this fun event (more on [hdaa.info/photos/2015 picnic/](http://hdaa.info/photos/2015%20picnic/)).



Casserole Guests!

It's water and soda  
ONLY...Honest!



This is truly a fun, totally relaxed event every year. If you haven't been in a while, think about it in 2017... You'll be glad you joined us!

Beauty, Brains, Bravado! Magnificent!

### Lessons Adults Have Learned Along the Way...

1. Raising teenagers is like nailing Jello to a tree.
2. Wrinkles don't hurt.
3. Families are a lot like fudge — mostly sweet with a few nuts.
4. Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.
5. Laughing is great exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.
6. Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy.
7. Growing old is mandatory. Growing up is optional!
8. It's frustrating when you know all the answers, but no one asks you the questions.
9. When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
10. Always remember to forget the troubles that pass your way, but NEVER forget the blessings that come your way each day.
11. The best place to be when you're sad is with a grand (or great-grand) child in your lap. Sweet hugs and sugar.

### BEEN A VICTIM OF A CRIME?

If you believe you have, the following information may be of some help. More information is available at the specific websites.

#### Direct Services/Victims of Crime:

—Childhelp Nat'l Child Abuse Hotline: 800/4-A-CHILD, [www.childhelp.org/pages/hotline-home](http://www.childhelp.org/pages/hotline-home).  
—Nat'l Domestic Violence Hotline: 800/ 799-7233, [www.thehotline.org](http://www.thehotline.org).  
—Rape, Abuse, Incest Nat'l Network: 800/656-HOPE, [www.rainn.org](http://www.rainn.org)

#### Info/Referrals for Victims of Crime:

—Federal Trade Commission Identity Theft Hotline: 877/ID-THEFT, [www.ftc.gov/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft).  
—National Center for Missing/Exploited Children: 800/843.5678, [www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com).  
—Substance Abuse/Mental Health Services Administration Helpline: 877-SAMHSA-7, [www.samhsa.gov/trauma](http://www.samhsa.gov/trauma).

Information was received at a local Crime Prevention Seminar. As always, if danger is imminent (threat of death/bodily harm), **call 911**. Otherwise, call your local police department non-emergency number (HSV, AL: 256-722-7100).



### Friends In The News...

**Dave/Yvonne Flanigan** have found a new zest for life in their new Buttons, rescued from the Madison Small Pups Rescue & Adoption, with the help of daughter, Kellie. All that "youthful exuberance" should keep them young. And, as Kellie said on Facebook, 'Gas to Huntsville \$3. Grabbing a couple of biscuits for breakfast along the way \$7. Helping your parents adopt the cutest puppy in all the land. Priceless.' *Congratulations on your new addition...Adorable!*

**Jim/Jeanne Hightower** stay busy trying to keep up with the grand-kids and great-grands, and loving every minute of it! *Love getting all that sweet, sticky sugar!*

**Bill Hunter** is staying well and busy these days, and doesn't sound a BIT different than he did at TC/HD! *Keep young, Billy!*

**Libby Loder** recently received an Outstanding Service Award from the American Red Cross and Huntsville Hospital for her FIFTY (count 'em, 5-0) years of dedicated volunteer work at HH. *How awesome is that? Congratulations, Libby! Your service to countless people over the years is greatly appreciated by us all.*

**Barry and Susan Moore** are keeping busy in retired life, and as Susan recently said, "Barry really stays in great shape and looks fabulous!" Guess it's all that fishing/hunting. *Susan is as beautiful as ever, too!*

**Sue Terry and Nancy Webb** are keeping busy up on Monte Sano, with family, new babies on the scene, and life in general! Sue and Nancy are shown at right, with Hannah Marie Terry, at Ashley Terry's baby shower.

*The cycle of life is wondrous!*

There are so many folks from TC/HD we haven't seen of late, and we hope they are all doing well. If you haven't been in touch with someone for a while, why not give them a call and see what they are up to. It may be just the sunshine their lives need to encourage them to reach out to others, as well!

(Note from Editor: *We hope you are ALL healthy, happy, and staying busy...and cool. We are blessed to be part of such a magnificent group of folks!*)



### IS IT A HPD ARREST???



Nope...just a hot summer day with some folks doing a very cool thing! The North Precinct of the Huntsville Police Department recently held a Block Party on the property of their new location (North Memorial Parkway near the A&M University stadium). Captain Jeffrey Rice and several other officers spent several months pulling the event together, along with all their normal/regular duties. The "arresting officers" and their "perpetrator" are shown above. L-R, Community Resource Officer (CRO) Billy Clardy, Captain Rice, Don Wilson (of the North Giles Community Watch Group) and CRO Tony Dykes at the Block Party.



North Huntsville Community Watch Groups helped staff/work the event. Food and beverages were provided to approximately 2,000 people, with an assortment of rides, a DJ and tunes, and many fun things available for families to enjoy.

With the nation-wide demonstrations between police officers and the public, the North Precinct is making a concerted effort to help improve the relationship between the HPD and the surrounding community. They are doing a magnificent job! CRO's Clardy and Dykes can be seen throughout their precinct promoting good will, and the entire HPD provides event evenings to help educate and inform the public about how to get better/safer cooperation between police officers and civilian individuals. And, as you may have seen recently on the local news, our mayor and many other leaders and civilian individuals throughout the community held a "march" to help promote unity and peace within Huntsville.

We are very proud to live in a community that responds so positively to negative situations, and always offers full support in every way possible to our First Responders. They put their lives on the line to serve and protect each and every one of us...daily. We should show them the utmost respect.

*Thanks to ALL our First Responders!*

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REMINDER: \$12 DUES FOR 2016  
WERE DUE 1/1/16!  
IF YOUR ADDRESS LABEL SAYS  
ANYTHING BUT (16), PLEASE REMIT. THANKS!

**Local HSV Election Day: 8/23/16**

*Labor Day: 9/5/16*

*Patriot Day: 9/11/16*

*Autumn begins: 9/22/16*

*Columbus Day, observed: 10/10/16*

*Halloween: 10/31/16*

*Daylight Saving Time Ends: 11/6/16*

***ELECTION DAY: 11/8/16***

***Don't Forget to Vote!***

*Veterans Day: 11/11/16—Thanks to all Vets! ♥*

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If you're still confused about our MyFamily.com and the HDAA Website, contact Cecil for details.

***See you at Brookdale  
on Saturday, 9/10/16!***

## In Fond Memory...

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

**Billy Beal:** Worked in Plant Engineering.

**John D. Brown:** Section Chief in Manufacturing.

**Quoquese Nichols Carden:** Mother of Sandra Reagh, who worked in Data Processing/Information Technology, 1982-1995.

**Zelma Champion:** Wife of Leon, who worked in Program Management.

**Bob Lund:** Director, Science & Engineering/UT, Management/UT.

**Ron McIntosh:** Report Writer in Project Management in early days.

**L.J. "Moose" Miller:** Worked on Pilot Lines and Inspection.

**Roberta Moman (11/15):** Wife of Marlyn, who worked in the Machine Shop.

**Robert Presto:** Manager of Purchasing and Subcontracting.

**Robert Ruf:** Igniter Manufacturing, 1950's/60's.

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They are missed by us all.

Our heartfelt sympathy to those who have lost other loved ones.  
If we have missed condolences, it's because we were unaware.