

The Next Stage

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'TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY @ MAGNOLIA TRACE .COME !

The annual Christmas luncheon has been scheduled for **Saturday, December 3rd, at Magnolia Trace's Magnolia Room, 1 Clubhouse Avenue in Huntsville. Social hour begins at 11:00 a.m., and the buffet lunch ~12:00 p.m.** Plan to stay and visit a while if you'd like. **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 26th, and may be submitted to HDAA P.O. Box 4185, Huntsville, AL 35815-4185.

Your committee, John Nelson and Paul McFall, planned a fabulous event for us, filled with good food/beverages, and exciting gifts, all wrapped up in seasonal music!

A delicious fare of tossed salad, bread, orange chicken, beef tenderloin, asparagus, Southern green beans, rosemary roasted potatoes, creamed sweet corn, pecan pie, chocolate mousse truffle cake, coffee, tea and water will be served. A wine bar will be available before, with, and after lunch (until it runs out!...compliments of a Board member).

Door prizes this year will be an assortment of *gift cards* to local restaurants! Winners must be present to win, and only one winner per household.

Directions to Magnolia Trace: South Memorial Parkway, west on Boulevard South. Check in at gate, follow Club-house Avenue to Magnolia Trace main community building.

Come join friends for a fun evening that might prove to be an EXTRA dinner out! Wear your dancing shoes!



Christmas Party: Saturday, Dec 3

11 a.m. Social

12 p.m. Buffet Lunch

Magnolia Trace Magnolia Room

Cost is \$15 per person

Reservations by Saturday, 11/26

To:

HDAA

P.O. Box 4185

HSV, AL 35815-4185

See you there!

ENGINEERING LUNCH!

The annual luncheon will be held on Monday, December 12, 11:00 a.m. at Logan's on Balmoral Dr/ HSV. Contact Nita Boyd at 256/603-7349 for a head count. Please spread the word!

Hope to see you there!

Just tell them you're with the Thiokol Engineering Luncheon.

Next Board Mtgs:

(2nd Thurs each qtr)

Jan 12, Apr 13,

Jul 13, Oct 12, 2017

2:00 pm (note change from 5 p.m.), Faith Presbyterian Church, SE corner of Whitesburg/Airport.

Come join the Board in preparing for exciting !

Dates to Remember:

2016

12/3: Christmas Party (Magnolia Trace 11:00/Buffer 12:00)

2017

-Spring Breakfast TBD
-6/3 Summer Picnic - Grn Mtn Nature Trail.
-Fall Dinner TBD
-Christmas Party TBD

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. Call Joyce/539-4338 for details.

2nd Tue: Bill Russell at 650-5400 is still awaiting suggestions for a great place to meet for breakfast!

3rd Wed: Lunch at El Palacio, 12:00. Call Don Royston/539-4338 for details.

Come Join the Fun!



FALL LUNCH ENJOYED BY ALL!

Don Royston, Committee Chair, hosted another successful Fall Lunch, held at Brookdale Place at Jones Farm. The 49 attendees enjoyed the delicious meal and the camaraderie. It's great to linger a while to visit, and quite a few folks did just that!

Thanks to Don Royston for his hard work at helping to make this such a special event, to Cecil Stokes for posting the e-reminder, and to Charlie Thomas for painstakingly keeping track of finances and folks! Great job!

Shown below are a few happy folks enjoying lunch.

(Color photos of the event can be found at http://hdaa.info/photos/2016_Fall/)



Amma
& Bill
Barnes

**Amazing
Folks,
ALL!**



Ola
Ann
Lee



Tom & Carole Bryant



Ron & Alice Clements



Linda & John DeHaye

***When it rains, look for rainbows.
When it's dark, look for stars!***

FRIENDS IN THE NEWS....



09/17

Anna and Charlie Thomas recently enjoyed a delightful Wind and Wine Sail at sundown in Key West. Now, that sounds like a fabulous trip! Something good for the heart and soul. Keep on having fun and staying young!



L-R: Cecil Stokes, Larry Pledger, David Flanagan, and Jamie Neidert at the recent University of Alabama/Huntsville Propulsion Research Center 25th Anniversary Symposium. Orbital ATK was a primary sponsor of the event, and David was a main speaker for the evening, telling of Thiokol's part in the industry for so many years.

Thanks for keeping the history alive!



Frances Hughes & Jim Tucker

SLATE OF OFFICERS AND BOARD NOMINATED FOR 2017

(Highlighted names only to be voted upon at the annual Christmas Business Meeting.)

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer/Membership

Glenn Webb
John DeHaye
Cecil Stokes
Charlie Thomas

Directors: ('17) Ron Clements
 Faye Jones
 Sam Vance
 Harold Whitesides
 Patti Wilson

Directors: ('18) Tom Bryant
 Don Royston
 Joyce Royston
 Don Wilson

Directors: ('19) **Jim Gasaway**
Paul McFall
Gerald Roberts
Jim Tucker

Ex Officio: Jim Lee/Historian
 Cecil Stokes/WebMaster

*Retiring from the Board: Bill Barnes, Jim Lee, John Nelson, Cecil Stokes, Sam Zeman. To those departing and to all who agreed to serve again...
 THANKS to all for serving HDAA with your time and efforts!*

A special word of Thanks to the Nominating Committee for their recruiting efforts. If you enjoy HDAA events and the newsletter, think about serving on the HDAA Board. It takes a small amount of time, bringing great satisfaction. The meetings are 4 times/year and have changed their time to 2:00 p.m., so folks don't have to drive in the dark any more. Why not consider serving on the Board? We can use help in generating new ideas for possible additional events. Other folks might be interested in similar events you would like to attend. Think about it!

ADDRESS OR PHONE CHANGE?

Please don't forget to notify HDAA if you relocate or have a phone number change (landline to cell?). We want to be able to keep in touch with you, and it can get difficult if we don't have your current information on hand! We are not as good at playing detective as Sherlock Holmes or MacGyver! Just drop a quick snail mail to HDAA, P.O. Box 4185, HSV, AL 35815-4185. Or send an email to Charlie, at beankntr@wowway.com. Just taking a second will keep a lot of your friends very happy!

And, while you're at it, why not jot a quick note to let us know what your offspring are up to. Your Thiokol family is just that...family! And, we like to know how everyone is doing. We know you're proud of your children, grandkids and great-grands...so, share that joy with the test of your Thiokol Family!

*Thanks... and,
 we'll keep the light on for you!*

*Smile often...Think positively...
 Give thanks...Laugh loudly...
 Love others...Dream BIG!*

Orbital ATK Products Support Search for New Sources of Minerals/Fuels

November 11, 2016, Orbital ATK provided critical launch vehicle and payload hardware for the Lockheed Martin Commercial Launch Services launch of DigitalGlobe's WorldView-4 satellite aboard an Atlas V from Vandenberg AFB, California.

Operating at an expected altitude of 617 km in coordination with the DigitalGlobe WorldView-3 satellite, WorldView-4 is a multi-spectral, high resolution commercial satellite for Earth observations and advanced geospatial solutions. Its data-rich imagery will enable customers to search for new sources of minerals and fuels, manage forests and farms and accelerate DigitalGlobe's living digital inventory of the surface of the earth.

Orbital ATK's contributions to the Atlas V and WorldView satellite include a large composite heat shield, which provides higher performance with lower weight and protection for the first stage of the launch vehicle from engine exhaust temperatures >4,000°F. Eight solid retro motors supported separation of the spent first stage.

(Excerpt from OrbitalATK.com/news-room, November 14, 2016.)

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REMINDER: \$12 DUES FOR 2016 MUST BE CURRENT
TO ATTEND OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY!

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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



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The 2016 HDAA Board consists of President Paul McFall, Vice President Glenn Webb, Secretary Cecil Stokes, Treasurer/Membership Charlie Thomas, and Directors: Bill Barnes (16), Jim Lee (16), John Nelson (16), Cecil Stokes (16), Sam Zeman (16), Ron Clements (17), Faye Jones (17), Sam Vance (17), Harold Whitesides (17), Patti Wilson (17), Tom Bryant (18), Don Royston (18), Joyce Royston (18), Don Wilson (18). Ex-officio members of the Board are: Jim Lee/Historian, and Cecil Stokes/WebMaster.

Contact Cecil for any questions regarding details of the HDAA Website.

See you at Magnolia Trace Sat., 12-3!

*Great Friends, Delicious Food.
Fabulous Door Prizes!*

*We hope to see you there...
We'll miss you if you don't come!*

In Fond Memory...

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

Liz Archard: Wife of Bob Archard, who worked in Program Management.

Craig Baker: Son of Jeff Baker, an equipment operator in Maintenance.

R.H. Bob Brown, Sr: Worked at Thiokol prior to working for U.S. Army Missile Command on Redstone Arsenal.

Rosemary Goodloe: Wife of John Goodloe, General Manager at TC/HD.

Sue Hammond: Wife of Carl, who worked in Contracts Department.

Tom Kelley (2014): Worked Division Artist, worked in Proposals Dept.

Sue Kelley (2012): Wife of Tom, who worked in Proposals Department.

J. W. Joe Monroe: Testing, Quality Assurance & Documentation, 1960's.

John L. Williams: Worked in Quality Engineering & Reliability.

Dr. Bill McCorkle: Director, Missile Research, Development, and Engineering Center on Redstone Arsenal, interfacing with many Thiokol people.

Dr. Dick Rhoades: COO, Aviation and Missile Research, Development, and Engineering Center on Redstone Arsenal, interfacing with many Thiokol people.

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.



Your heart being tugged by thoughts of someone you know that you haven't touched base with in a long time? They may be having the same thoughts of you! Why not give them a call, or jot them a quick note this holiday season? It may be just the light that will brighten their hearts!