

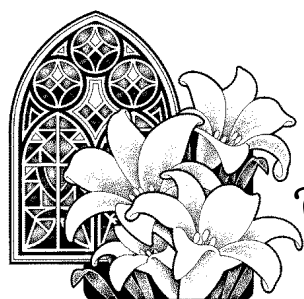
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The staff of the Smoke Signal wishes you all a blessed Easter holiday!



Tucker High School Celebrates Its Hundredth Anniversary

By Ronnie Peppers as told to Ron Broadway

This year marks Tucker High School's hundredth anniversary. To celebrate the occasion, the Tucker High School Foundation is sponsoring a full day of reunion activities on April 18. These activities include a centennial parade, an Optimist Club-sponsored lunch, and a reunion dance with a live band.

Tucker's first public school was a one-room building in the late 1880s. Around 1890, however, the school's hiring of a woman teacher so upset some parents that they broke off and formed a second school. Around 1910 Tucker built a three-room schoolhouse that ended with the eighth grade.

In the fall of 1915 the Tucker community built its first high school: a two-story, six-room, ante-bellum structure without restrooms or running water, across from the present Tucker High School. Initially the high school only went to the ninth grade adding a new grade in each of the next two years as the students advanced. Mr. Drukenmiller was the high school's first principal. Mr. McKee, the high school's second principal, helped choose the school's colors—maroon and gold. In the spring of 1918 Tucker High School had its first graduating class—five students.

In 1919, Mr. Flowers became the school's third principal and remained until 1926. Mr. Smith, the school's fourth principal, oversaw Tucker High School's move from its original site to its current location on the corner of Chamblee-Tucker Road and LaVista Road. This building was also without running water. Its indoor restrooms were basement stalls that used lime to control the odor. Two years later one of the first gymnasiums in the county was added. A pot-bellied stove sat under each basket to warm the court.

In 1935, a granite building was added to the north side of the red brick building. The two were later attached, and for the first time Tucker High School had both running water and modern restrooms. By the

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Tucker's 1915 Schoolhouse

Memories of Tucker High School

by Penny Stovall

I arrived at Tucker High in 1970 after leaving the Atlanta Public School system to begin teaching history for 16 years at Tucker High School. I was only 24 at the time. My first assignment from the principal Dr. Hallford, was to chaperone the building of the eighth grade Homecoming Float. He said it was a simple task, but I realized afterwards that was a gross under statement. It was a week I will never forget. None of us knew anything about building a float-- but how fast we learned! We ended up winning first place-- and the Senior Class was not very happy. I learned later that no class had ever beaten the seniors, and no class was ever supposed to beat them. When my eighth grade boys came out of the bathrooms with their heads soaking wet, I realized the rumor was true.

What a year! One day during my free period I went to get a trailer hitch put on my car. My dad's friend

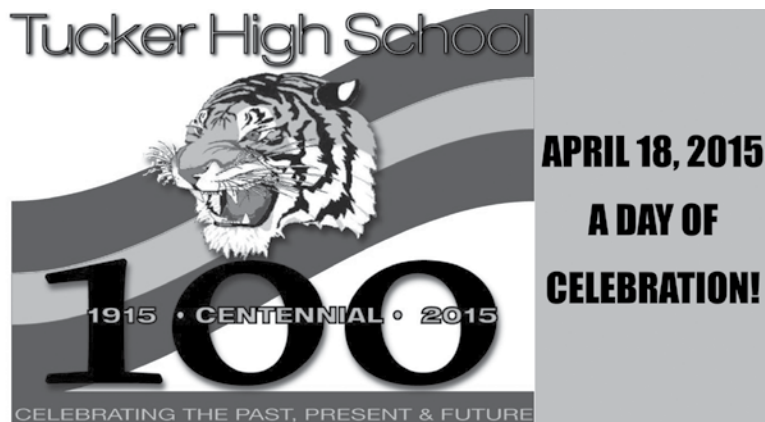
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Tucker Lifelong Community Update

Have you wondered what is being developed behind the Starbucks in Tucker? Tucker Civic Association's Aging in Place program is finally in the construction stages! The "Hearthside at Tucker" development on Lynburn Road across from the Tucker Post Office, and behind the Walgreens/ Starbucks Development is an upscale, 108 unit, independent, senior living facility. This facility offers housing to seniors of varying income levels and provides the opportunity for persons to stay in Tucker as they age.

As a bookend to the Hearthside Development, the "Orchard on Fellowship" sits on the south end on Fellowship Road, next to Tucker Middle School. This is a new and newly renovated assisted living facility currently under construction.

One of the goals of the Tucker Lifelong Community Project is to provide housing options for multiple generations of Tucker residents so that Tucker is a community "you can move to and stay in for life". TCA extends congratulations to Dr. Lois Ricci, chairperson of the TLC Committee for her hard work these past three years on this long-term, ongoing project.



CENTENNIAL EVENTS

CENTENNIAL PARADE:
10:30 am – Main Street
Theme: Past, Present, and Future

LUNCHEON: Tucker Optimist BBQ (chicken & pork) in the THS café
11 AM to 3 PM

DECADE DESTINATION:
Reunion rooms in the school 5:00 to 7:00 pm

CEREMONY: 7:00 pm

CENTENNIAL DANCE:
Airtight Band – music for all decades 7:30 – 11 pm

Email for more information tuckerhs.dekalb.k12.ga.us or check our page : tuckerhighschoolfoundation.org/ Facebook: Tucker High Centennial Celebration

following year it also had the teacher who would introduce the first cafeteria to DeKalb County—Ina Mae Jones. Ms. Jones, who initially taught students how to cook on a wood stove, retired from teaching in 1975 after teaching for 39 years.

The school's enrollment exploded between 1952 and 1962—from 271 to 1100. This required the building of a much larger school with a capacity for at least 1300 students. Thirty-four years after the Tucker community passed a bond issue for \$28,000 to build its six-room, red brick school house, the community replaced it with one that cost \$1,500,000 and could handle the enrollment of 1800 students.

Although this building ushered in the computer age, it was soon clear it couldn't keep up with the fast-advancing technology that would dominate the twenty-first century. In 2008, 45 years after it was built,

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April Calendar of Events

- 6 Smoke Rise Garden Club Meeting at the home of Paula Adeoba
7:00 p.m.
- 7 Stone Mountain Farmers Market, Main St. Stone Mtn. Village
4:00-7:00 p.m.
- 9 Tucker Farmers Market, Main Street, 4:00-8:00 p.m.
- 18 Tucker High School Celebrations 10:30 a.m. to late evening
- 25 Friends of the Library Book Sale, Reid-Cofer Library in Tucker
10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.
- 25 Mountain Shadow Garden Club Plant Sale, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- 25 Tucker Historical Society Plant Swap and Share, Tucker First Baptist Church, 8:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

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demolition on the 1963 schoolhouse began to make way for a \$66,000,000 state-of-the-art replacement. At 250,000 square feet, the new school was completed in 2010. Every classroom has a smart board, a computer projector, a DVD/VHS machine, a telephone, and at least four computer stations for the students.

In addition to its advanced technology, the new high school also has a culinary arts center, a gymnasium with an indoor running track, career technology labs, and an auditorium designed for elaborate stage productions. Tucker also offers 18 different Advanced Placement courses and has an International Baccalaureate Diploma Program.

Over the past 100 years, Tucker High School has had an interesting and colorful history. If you have any questions about the school’s upcoming activities to celebrate that history, please go to www.tuckerhighschool-foundation.org. For those of you who opt to take one of our tours on April 18, we promise you running water and flushing toilets!

Ronnie Peppers taught English at Tucker High School from 1969 to 2001.

Ron Broadway taught English at Tucker High School from 1980 to 2012.

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worked at Stovall Marine, and that is where I was going. I never got the trailer hitch--but I did meet my future husband, Graham Stovall! We married one year later. Some people still say that I was the only teacher they knew that left on their free period and came back with a husband.

That summer I took 48 of my best students on a one-week tour through Virginia and Washington, DC. My students were very excited to visit the places they had studied. Each year I took another

class and it continued to grow until in 1976, when I was pregnant with my first child, I took a total of three buses. Many of my former students still remind me of those trips and have taken their own families on the same route.

Please join Tucker High School on April 18 as they celebrate 100 years of Tucker High School history. Saturday morning activities will begin with a parade down Main Street featuring a wonderful collection of Cofer Antique Cars and honoring those who helped make THS great. The Tucker Optimist Club will be selling their famous barbecue dinners for \$8 a plate from 11:00 to 3:00 p.m. on campus and near the Post Office. The new \$66,000,000 school will be open for tours after the parade. From 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Decade Reunion Rooms will be open so you can meet with friends and share your memories. At 7:00 p.m., a 30 minute Centennial Ceremony will be held in the new auditorium followed by a dance in the gym. Air Tight, a fantastic live band-who can play any song from 1950 until today-will help you walk down memory lane. No tickets are necessary. The Tucker Foundation will collect contributions at the door.

I hope you will be a part of keeping Tucker High a great school and I hope to see you on April 18. If you don’t see me, I will be on the dance floor.

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Rev. Chris George, Senior Pastor
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Jeremy Collier, Minister to Families with Youth
Amanda Coe Burton, Director of Nursery Ministries
Paula Reeves, Weekday School Director
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SmokeRiseBaptist.org

Sundays:	
9:00 a.m.	Worship in the Chapel
9:45 a.m.	Sunday school
11:00 a.m.	Worship in the Sanctuary

Communion:	Second Sunday of each month
1st Tuesdays:	6:00 p.m. Prime Time
Wednesdays:	
5:00-5:45	Fellowship Dinner
6:00-6:45	Programs for children, youth and adults
7:00-8:30	Sanctuary choir
	Nursery provided

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9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Worship
Wednesdays:	
5:45 p.m.	Fellowship Dinner
6:30 p.m.	Adult and Children’s Program
7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Mount Carmel Christian Church

Senior Minister: Art Stansberry
Worship Leader: Leslie Riley
Kids Ministry Director: Vicki Tyler
Telephone (770) 279-8437
www.mountcarmelcc.org

Sundays:	
8:30 a.m.	Coffee/ Doughnuts/ Fellowship
9:30 a.m.	Bible School Classes – Adults & Children
10:30 a.m.	Worship

Wednesdays	
5:30 p.m.	Dinner
6:30 p.m.	Activities/Studies for all ages
6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal

First Moravian Church

Interim Pastor: Stephen Weisz
Congregational Acolyte: Bill Hitz
Telephone (770) 491-7250
www.gamoravian.org

Sundays:	
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School–Adults & Children
11:00 a.m.	Worship
12:00 p.m.	Fellowship Time

Thursdays:	
7:00 p.m.	Adult Study Group

Mountain West Church

Pastor: Michael Shreve
Telephone (770) 491-0228
www.mountainwestchurch.com
4818 Hugh Howell Rd., Stone Mountain

Sundays:	
10:00 a.m.	Worship
12:00 p.m.	Worship
	Easter, April 5th Service times
	7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

**Stone Mountain
First United Methodist Church
Holy Week and Easter Services**

- April 1-Lenten Noon Service followed by a light lunch from 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.
- April 2-Maundy Thursday service at 6:30 p.m.
- April 3-Good Friday service of “7 last words” at 6:30 p.m.
- April 5-Easter Sunday service. Ellen Shepard will be preaching at 7:00 a.m. on top of Stone Mountain followed by our 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services in the church sanctuary. Egg hunt will begin after 11:00 service at noon.

The church is located at 5312 West Mountain Street, Stone Mountain GA 30083. For more information please call the church office at 770-469-9767 or visit www.stonemountainumc.org

**Mount Carmel Christian Church
Presents
‘Sovereign Lord’
Saturday, April 4, at 7:00 p.m.**

The Mount Carmel Christian Church Choir and Drama department will present their Easter program, Sovereign Lord, on Saturday, April 4th at 7:00 p.m. Sovereign Lord is a musical drama about how Jesus’ final days affected Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. The music, arranged and orchestrated by Dave Williamson, will take you to the foot of the cross, where you will have new glimpses into the age-old story. Childcare will be available for children 3 and under.

Easter Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m., April 5, at Mount Carmel Christian Church, 6015 Old Stone Mountain Road, Stone Mountain, GA 30087. More information is available at www.mountcarmelcc.org.



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**Saturday, April 18
8:00-10:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall:
5901 Hugh Howell Road**

For more information, contact Amy Allison at Atlanta.allison@gmail.com or Lois Jernigan at 770-934-3005. You may donate directly to SRBC Relay Team at www.main.acsevents.org/goto/SRBC2015.

**SR Baptist Church
Messy Art Night**

Do your kids love to get messy? Join us for Messy Art Night on Sunday, April 19th from 6:00-7:15p.m. If the weather permits, we will be outside on the ball field, if not, we will be in the gym. Smoke Rise Baptist Church, 5901 Hugh Howell Road.

**Incarnate
Word Lutheran
Church of the
Missouri Synod**

**Holy Week
Services**

Maundy Thursday, April 2
please join us for a Seder
Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 3
worship is at 7:15 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 5
Service at 9:00 a.m.

We worship at the First
Moravian Church,
4950 Hugh Howell Rd.
in Stone Mountain.

Incarnate Word invites
you to join us every
Sunday morning at 8:45
a.m. Fellowship, Sunday
School and Adult Bible
study follow the service.

**Lawrenceville Road
United Methodist Church, Tucker
Presents Two World Renowned
Instrumental Ensembles for
Music for Missions in April**

**April 12, 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Laura Gordy, piano and George Voss, violin.**

Dr. Laura Gordy has been a distinguished performer throughout the United States, Europe, Asia and Latin America. A member of the Emory University music faculty from 1996 to 2013, she has taught piano, chamber music, theory and Javanese gamelan, and teaches piano privately in Decatur. Acclaimed violinist George Voss is renowned on three continents for his unique interpretations and performance style of the classics. Violinist Voss was on tour in Europe during the months of February and March 2015.

**April 26, 7:00 p.m.
Singer-Guitarist Elise Witt performs “Global, Local and
Homemade Songs” with an instrumental quartet.**

The quartet features Mick Kinney (piano), Dub Hudson (flute, clarinet, tenor sax) and Ken Gregory (trumpet, trombone, guitar, bass). Born in Switzerland, Elise Witt eventually made her home in Atlanta in 1977. Since that time, she has worked professionally as a singer, composer, recording artist and educator around the United States and the globe. Paired with Mick Kinney’s wry humor and exquisite piano playing, Elise Witt’s chameleon voice and world music repertoire make for an unforgettable concert. Ken Gregory is an Atlanta-based trumpet and guitar player who leads a seven-piece band called Solid State. Solid State has recorded 3 CDs and their music can be heard on the Weather Channel and around the Southeast. Finally, quartet member James “Dub” Hudson is a Lilburn native and has played his horns with a stellar list of musicians, including Ray Charles, Lena Horne, Della Reese, Dizzy Gillespie, Lou Rawls, the Temptations, The Dells, Gladys Knight, and Aretha Franklin.

**Smoke Rise Baptist Church
Holy Week Activities**

Wednesday, April 1st
Regular Wednesday Evening Schedule
Fellowship Meal from 5:00-5:45 p.m.
Programs for all ages from 6:00-6:45 p.m.)

Maundy-Thursday, April 2nd
7:00 p.m. Maundy-Thursday Service of Holy Communion
with a Tenebrae Service of Darkness (Sanctuary)
Featuring the Sanctuary Choir and Chamber Orchestra
Tenebrae is Latin for “shadows.” This service will include
readings from the gospels which describe the time between the
Last Supper and the Crucifixion.

Good Friday, April 3rd
12:00 p.m. Community Good Friday Worship Service at
Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Easter Sunday, April 5th
9:45am: Sunday school
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
Worship in the Chapel will not be held on this day,
but will resume on Sunday, April 12th.

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SRBRC is the Place for Summer Fun

The weather is getting warmer and before you know it, you'll be looking for your bathing suit, tennis shorts and sun-screen. If you are not already a member of a neighborhood Bath or Racquet Club, consider giving the Smoke Rise Bath and Racquet Club a try.

The club's tennis facilities are open year round. Four tournament ready courts are available, two of them are lighted, for a fun match after sunset. The club is home to a number of active ALTA teams you can join, and the Tucker High Tennis Team holds practice matches there too.

The pool is one of the largest in the area. Certified life guards are on duty during selected hours, and a diving board is waiting for you to show off cool flips and cannon balls. Plus, you'll truly find some of the friendliest neighbors waiting to greet you with a warm smile!

The membership fees are among the most affordable around, with a Full Family Swim and Tennis membership for \$375. And, if you have never held a membership at SRBRC before, you are eligible for a first-time membership for half the price. What a way to get your feet wet!

The pool will open next month on Sunday, May 16. The Club will kick off the season with a Grand Season Opening and Open House on May 30, with fun games, music, prizes and BBQ. It's going to be a blast you don't want to miss. And, throughout the season, look for other fun social events like tennis round robins, get-togethers and the first ever annual Smoke Rise BBQ cook off.

Check out the flyer in this *Smoke Signal* and learn how to become a member. Also, have a look at the Club's website at www.SRBRC.Org, for a 2015 calendar and other information. If you have any questions, call AvivA or Oliver Hoffmann at (770) 493-9073.

SMOKE RISE SHARKS
SUMMER SWIM TEAM NEWS

Calling swimmers of all ages and abilities (6 and under as well as high schoolers)! Smoke Rise Sharks needs YOU! Online registration for the 2015 summer season will open the last week of April. Register online at www.smokerisesharks.com. All "registered" swimmers will receive email notification detailing practice start date/times/location. Practice begins in mid-May.

Meets are scheduled for May 26,
June 2, June 9, June 16, June 22

Divisionals • June 24 2:00-6:00
Championship • Sunday June 28
Team Party Tuesday June 30



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Top 10 Things Members Love About the
Summit Swim & Tennis Club

There has never been a better time to join The Summit Swim & Tennis Club... and here are ten reasons why our members come back, year, after year.

10. Certified Lifeguards
9. No crowds
8. You can bring your own food and drinks and use the grill
7. The kids can use floats and pool toys
6. Saline pool filtration system is gentler on swimsuits and skin than chlorine
5. Members can bring guests
4. Order pizza and have it delivered poolside
3. Social Activities for the entire family
2. Two words: Diving Board
1. Most of all... It's FUN!

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Early Bird registration fees for family memberships paid before April 30 are \$365 Pool only or \$410 Pool & Tennis. Additional membership options are \$275 Tennis only or Single Adult Swim membership is \$175.

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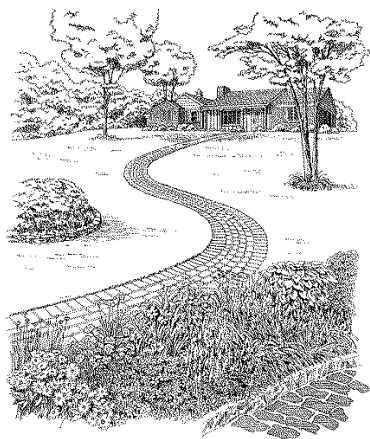
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SMOKE RISE COUNTRY CLUB
Junior Tennis Events

Open House Kids Day at the tennis center on March 7th was a big success bringing out lots of kids happy to run, jump, and swing a racket after our long, cold, wet winter.

The Club also launched the spring junior tennis courses in mid-March. Thirty juniors signed up for the courses, which will focus on developing a strong technical and athletic foundation.

It's not too late to get involved. Course prices will be prorated from the time students join.

In April, the Club will be having match play sessions on Saturday mornings beginning at 11:30 a.m. This is a great opportunity for juniors looking for competitive match practice to get themselves prepared for tournaments.

The week of April 6th, there is a spring break camp for both beginners/intermediates and high school/competitive juniors. The beginner/intermediate camps will be in the mornings and the high school/competitive camps will be in the afternoons. Camps are \$120 a week.

To kick off the summer season, join in the fun from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. on May 16th for an open house junior tennis carnival. It is a great opportunity to see what is going on at the Club and get involved in tennis activities before the summer camp season begins. There will be prizes and special discounts on summer camps if students register for a camp on that day.

For information contact Jim Richards at jrichards@smokerisecc.com or call the SRCC tennis club at 770-908-1843.



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Artwork from DeKalb County Schools can be seen in the Main Gallery April 2 through May 3.

ART Station Galleries can be viewed at 5384 Manor Road, Stone Mountain Village during the regular business hours: Tuesdays through Friday, 1:00- 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. For more information, call 770-469-1105 or visit artstation.org.

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Are Pet Foods Safe?

By Mary Grace Mauney

March 7 was World Health Day, and this year the World Health Organization focused on food safety. This is not only an important issue for people, but for pets too.

Many people believe that a dog can eat anything - this is not so! While some dogs are certainly happy to try, this doesn't mean that what they will eat on their own is good for them. Different dogs have different dietary needs and restrictions, and while the exact specifications for your pet are something to work out with your vet or through further research of your own, we hope that this article will be a good guide to get you started.

First, don't trust advertising. Sure, a brand may proclaim itself the best, but of course it does--every product does. A high price tag is no guarantee of quality either; many expensive and cheap brands alike contain harmful filler ingredients like cereal by-products, peanut shells, weeds, feathers, and other things that lack any nutritional value and are tough on your pet's digestive system. Even worse, some brands can contain toxic dyes, preservatives, and other dangerous substances. The boiled-down meat contained in the food often comes from unsafe sources, such as zoo animals, diseased or dying livestock, and even roadkill. That's definitely not healthy for your pet!

How does one weed out good dog food from bad? Read the labels, and read between the lines. Claims like "Super Premium," "Choice," "Veterinarian Recommended," "Organic," "Natural," and so on are not regulated terms; there is no standard that must be met for a brand to use them, therefore they don't mean much. The claim "Complete and Balanced" is regulated; this phrase indicates a dog food has met certain nutritional requirements, and is probably a good choice. If something is simply advertised as being "flavored" (beef-flavored, lamb-flavored, etc.) this does not mean that it in fact contains any of the ingredients in question; it merely has been flavored as such.

Check whether a specific type (beef, chicken, etc.) of meat or meal (dried and ground meat) is specified in the ingredients list, but avoid non-specific meat/meal or the word "by-products" as well as non-specific fat sources like "meat fat" or "lard" (look instead for Omega Three and Omega Six fat sources, which indicate a higher quality dog food). Avoid foods with too much grain or with unspecified grain sources; if your dog food contains grain at all, it should be rice, barley, and oats, not ground corn, soybean meal, or other "filler" materials. While preservatives are necessary, some are safer than others. Tocopherols (Vitamin E), and Ascorbic Acid (Vitamin C) are the good ones, while artificial preservatives, chemical additives, and sweeteners are bad news.

Be sure that pet food ingredients are sourced locally from USDA inspected facilities, or from reputable countries. Since this information is not available on the backs of cans or bags, you'll want to turn to the web for research; there are many sites available that are dedicated to pet food safety. Check them out—it's just a Google away!



Kanawha Residents Honored for Work in Honduras

Kanawha resident and Rotary club member, Joe Stock and his wife, Barbara, were honored in January for their work with the HAVE Foundation in Honduras. This year, the Hugh Spruell award for Health and Wellness Assistance was awarded to the Stocks who have provided more than 1200 hearing aids as well as an audiometer for a clinic that serves the Agalta Valley. Congratulations to Joe and Barbara Stock.



Stone Mountain Woman's Club Nominates Hoffman for Award

The GFWC Stone Mountain Woman's Club has nominated George Ann Hoffman as candidate for the GFWC Jennie Award. The GFWC Jennie Award is the only national honor that recognizes an individual member for personal excellence. It is the highest honor bestowed by the General Federation of Women's Clubs. This award honors one clubwoman from

each GFWC region for outstanding commitment to Club, Community and Family. Smoke Rise resident and past state president, Shari Carter, made the nomination. George Ann has been a member of the Stone Mountain club for 42 years and has served as president of the local club and of the district. She served as correspond-



Left to right: Shari Carter, George Ann Hoffman, Barbara Luton

ing secretary for 6 years at the state level.

Her many years of service have included responsibilities in the departments and in fundraising for the club. She is married to Judge Warren Hoffman and is the mother of three children and grandmother to three grand children.

FODAC Charity Under 5% Overhead

Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC), a non-profit organization providing over \$10 million annually in home medical equipment and supplies to the disabled community, was recently named to Charities Under 5% Overhead, a federation of charities that have operating overhead of five percent or less. Charities Under 5% Overhead recognizes American charities that meet the highest standards of public accountability.

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Boy Scout Troop 876 Visits Civil War Prison Camp at Andersonville

By Jackson & James Gibbs

On the weekend of January 30th - February 1st, the Boy Scouts of Troop 876 visited the Andersonville National Historic Site and National Cemetery. The prison, known as Camp Sumter, was the harshest prisoner-of-war camp in the Civil War, and was the cause of nearly 14,000 prisoner-of-war deaths in less than 18 months, due mostly to the severe and brutal conditions of the camp. We arrived at Veterans Memorial State Park on Friday afternoon and camped in the primitive campsite there. On Saturday morning, we drove to the Andersonville Historic Prison Site. After arriving, we watched a short film about the prison and the life of the soldiers who were held there. In the video, we learned about how the prisoners managed to get by in the prison, and how brutal the prison actually was. Next, we took a walk around where the prison once stood, learning about how the prison was laid out, and more about daily living conditions there. After lunch at the prison, we visited the Andersonville National Cemetery. We spent the time there wandering the Cemetery, visiting the state monuments, and visiting the National Prisoner of War Museum. Then, we returned to our camp, and played some ultimate Frisbee on the park's lawn. The next day, we all packed up the camp, and on the way out of the park, spent some time looking at the collection of tanks and aircraft there. Then we left Veterans Memorial State Park and returned home. We do lots of fun trips like this, so if it sounds like something you would enjoy, come to one of our meetings at 7:30 every Monday night at Eastminster Presbyterian Church or visit our website at www.bsatroop876.com



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AROUND THE MOUNTAIN

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Friends of the Library Book Sale
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Books will be priced at \$.50 - \$2.00, plus there will be specially-priced items for even more treasure-hunting fun! The sale is at the Tucker Reid-Cofer Library, 5234 Lavista Road, Tucker.

Stone Mountain Village Events

April 7, 4:00-7:00 p.m. – Stone Mountain Farmers Market, Municipal Parking lot, Main St.

April 25, 8:30a.m.-3:30 p.m. – City Wide Yard Sale Trail, Pavilion

April 25, 10:00 a.m.-noon – Paper Shredding Event, Sue Kellogg Library

Tucker Cityhood Update

There has been a lot going on related to Tucker Cityhood in March.

1. Updated feasibility study. Tucker is viable with the new boundaries drawn by the committee.
2. Cleared The Rules and Governmental Affairs Committee
3. Passed the House
4. Crossed over to the Senate for vote
5. Efforts are underway to request a review of the boundaries in the Local Governmental Operations Committee. This would most likely be detrimental to Tucker and strong opposition is expected.

If the Tucker bill passes the senate, it will most likely be on the ballot for public vote in November. Those who are within the borders of the map that passes both the house and the senate will have the opportunity to vote.

There is still a lot of work to do as progress is made toward Cityhood. This includes the writing of the city charter and important decisions related to governance. Stay tuned, there is a lot more to come. It is our community and the best communities are built by pro-active citizens.

Smoke Rise Preferred Contractor’s List

If you are looking for reliable people to build decks, paint, do electrical, plumbing, interior design etc., contact us. We maintain-free of charge-a preferred contractors list, which consists of contractors your neighbors have used successfully. If you wish a copy of this list, please email Jim Farmer at: jimfarmer812@earthlink.net or call 678-662-6122. We are also looking for your feedback. Let us know if you have used a contractor, and your opinion of their work, so that we can keep an up-to-date list, which reflects the quality we need to maintain our homes.



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Eight members of the GFWC Stone Mountain Woman’s Club, and one husband, attended the “Stop Violence against Women Day” at the Georgia Capitol February 3, 2015. Members attended a breakfast rally and met with senate and house representatives to discuss the topic of violence against women. The main issue discussed was a bill dealing with cyber bullying.



Pictured from left: Elizabeth Wells, Smoke Rise Residents Dr. Donald Davis & Jolene Davis, Joanne Cannarella, and Smoke Rise resident Marty Bryan.

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Alerts & Watches

by Jan Mahoney

FYI: It is the policy of the Smoke Signal that all reports of crime published in this column are based on information received directly from residents who are the victims of the crime, or who have witnessed suspicious activity, and never to include names and addresses.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Remember these three important “stranger” guidelines from our Tucker precinct:

- Call 911 when the crime or a suspicious person sighting is in progress and say that the incident is “in progress.” CALL NOW - not later.
- Be very suspicious - call 911 for ALL suspicious behavior.
- NEVER open doors to strangers.

You are the eyes and the ears of the Police Department. Call them and let them handle the situation - do not ever attempt to handle a situation yourself.

The following reports were received from the CrimeMapping.com website:

- 2/16/2015 - VANDALISM - DAMAGE TO PROPERTY - 5300 BLOCK HUGH HOWELL ROAD
- 2/28/2015 - VEHICLE BREAK-IN/THEFT - ARTICLES FROM VEHICLE
5900 BLOCK HUGH HOWELL ROAD
- 2/28/2015 – VANDALISM - DAMAGE TO PROPERTY - 5500 BLOCK SILVER RIDGE DRIVE
- 3/09/2015 – BURGLARY - FORCED ENTRY - 2300 BLOCK SCARLETT WALK
- 3/09/2015 – THEFT/LARCENY - 2100 BLOCK SPENCERS WAY
- 3/10/2015 – BURGLARY - FORCED ENTRY - 5500 BLOCK HUGH HOWELL ROAD
- 3/13/2015 – VANDALISM - DAMAGE TO PROPERTY - 5500 BLOCK HUGH HOWELL ROAD
- 3/13/2015 – THEFT/LARCENY - 2100 BLOCK DEER RIDGE DRIVE
- 3/20/2015 – THEFT/LARCENY - 5800 BLOCK SILVER RIDGE DRIVE

The Internet link to subscribe to CrimeMapping is as follows:

<http://www.crimemapping.com:80/subscriptions/subscribe.aspx>

The following is the link to an iPhone app for the crime mapping service: <http://www.crimemapping.com:80/mobile/app.aspx>

ARE YOU READY?

Severe weather season is coming with the possibility of tornados. Here are some guidelines (Adapted from FEMA) to make sure that you and your family can survive.

If you are at home during a tornado:

- Go to a windowless interior room on the lowest level of your house. Go to a storm cellar or basement if your house has one. If there is no basement, go to an inner hallway or a smaller inner room without windows, such as a bathroom or closet.
- Get away from the windows.
- Go to the center of the room. Stay away from corners because they tend to attract debris.
- Get under a piece of sturdy furniture such as a workbench or heavy table or desk.
- Use your arms to protect head and neck.
- If you are in a mobile home, get out and find shelter elsewhere.

If you are at work or school during a tornado:

- Go to the basement or to an inside hallway at the lowest level.
- Avoid places with wide-span roofs such as auditoriums, cafeterias, or shopping malls.

If you are outdoors or in a car during a tornado:

- If possible, get inside a building.
- If shelter is not available or there is no time to get indoors, lie in a ditch or low-lying area or crouch near a strong building. Look out for flood waters which may also fill low areas.
- Use your arms to protect head and neck.
- Get out of the car immediately and take shelter in a nearby building.
- Never try to drive faster than a tornado in a car or truck. Tornadoes can change direction quickly and can lift up a car or truck and toss it through the air.

Also, have a weather alert radio programmed for your local county, and a family action plan which would include meeting places and phone numbers written down and discussed with all family members and practiced at least three times a year.

If you are a victim of a crime, please call Jan Mahoney at (770) 621-0155 or email details to smoke-signal@earthlink.net so we can let the neighborhood know what’s going on by publishing it in the *Smoke Signal*.

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HEALTH NOTES:

by Cheri Schneider, M.D.

AGING: What is ‘Normal’?

Have you ever wondered what physical changes are normal when you age? In 1930, the life expectancy of the average US citizen was just under sixty. It is now approximately eighty-two years of age. By 2050, the US Census Bureau predicts that twenty five percent of the population of the US will be over the age of 65. As you get older, what changes in your body do you just chalk up to old age?

Here is a list of NORMAL things that occur as you age and some preventive things you can do now to age gracefully:

Aging skin thins by about 20%, begins to sag and lose its tone and elasticity. Because of the thinning, veins show easier and your skin is more likely bruise or even “tear”. Fingernails do not grow as fast and show ‘wrinkles’ as multiple longitudinal lines. Tip: If you avoid overexposure to sun while you are young, it will keep your skin younger looking as you age. All sun exposure is not bad though. Exposing your skin to ultraviolet light (UVB) is one of the major ways our body produces vitamin D.

As you age, your hair gradually thins on the scalp, armpits and pubic region. It may even change texture. Graying of the hair is genetically programmed into the hair follicle’s ‘body clock’. Gray hair represents a decrease in the amount of hair pigment produced while white hair is the absence of pigment altogether. Tip: Your hair stylist can help you! Ask him or her what style is best for you. Medications for hair regrowth should only be used under the direction of your physician.

Lean muscle mass declines as you age because of muscle cell atrophy. Tip: Strength training can help maintain muscle mass. Decreased flexibility is not a result of aging, but only a lack of stretching. Tip: Regular stretching can improve your balance and decreases falls.

Bone mass begins to decline starting at the age of 40. You can lose up to two inches of height by age 80 because of thinning of the discs in the back and loss of vertebral height. Tip: Weight-bearing exercise helps maintain bone density. So does taking in enough daily Calcium and Vitamin D. The earlier you start, the better your bones will be.

High frequency hearing loss is normal as you age. One-sided hearing loss is not. Tip: Avoid prolonged exposure to loud noise when you are young. Don’t crank the volume up in your headphones or earbuds.

Most people begin to need reading glasses as they reach age 40. This is because the lens becomes less flexible. Visual sharpness, night vision and color discrimination can also decrease due to aging. Tip: wear sunglasses when you are young. This may help prevent vision loss due to macular degeneration and cataracts.

Older people take longer to fall asleep, sleep less deeply and awaken more often than younger people do. The average length of time spent sleeping is unchanged as you age. Many older individuals experience a ‘shift’ in their sleep phase and find they need to go to bed earlier in the evening. This means they arise much earlier too. No one knows why this circadian rhythm shift happens. Tip: develop a sleep routine and do not nap too long during the day, or you may “pay” in the nighttime with frequent awakening.

Because taste and smell decline as you age, appetite may do so as well. Tip: Don’t compensate by over salting your food. Add total nutrition shakes if you have trouble eating all the calories you need.

Brain: Your brain loses weight and has less blood flowing to it. Even though the brain adapts, a slight slowing of recent memory-- names, details of recent events-- may be normal. Tip: keep important details written down. Keep learning!

Next month, look for Part II: Changes of Aging You Cannot See.

“Life Is Sweet”

Lynne Dundon of the “Life Is Sweet” non-profit organization has presented the GFWC Stone Mountain Woman’s Club with an Automatic External Defibrillator. A recent fundraiser by the “Life is Sweet” volunteers at the Art Station raised money to buy AED’s to be placed in three police cars in Stone Mountain village and the one for the Woman’s Club clubhouse.

The purpose of the “Life is Sweet” organization is to raise awareness of Sudden Cardiac Arrest, to provide AED’s for nonprofit organizations and to encourage CPR training. Lynne, who is the Specialty Market Sales Manager at Stone Mountain Park, began the non-profit after being saved from cardiac arrest by the use of an AED used by the Stone Mountain Park police.

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Commissioner’s Corner

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MEET OUR NEW COMMISSIONER, NANCY JESTER

The new commissioner of District One--replacing Elaine Boyer --has certainly been busy since she took office. Here are a few things she is working on that have been taken directly from her website www.nancyjester.com.

About Nancy Jester

Nancy Jester is a tireless advocate for children and taxpayers in Georgia. She has grassroots experience working to improve education. She’s served on school councils and as the founding president of a public school foundation. Nancy was also elected to serve on the DeKalb Board of Education and became the first person to find and publish deceptive budgeting practices that plundered the accumulated reserves of the 3rd largest school system in Georgia.

Nancy Jester began her career working as an actuarial consultant in Georgia and Texas. Upon starting her family, she devoted her time to improving the educational lives of children. Nancy hosts regular community meetings around the metro area; bringing together elected officials, education experts, advocates and parents to discuss current education topics in Georgia. She has also served as a consultant to a charter school organization. Nancy is a member of The Rotary Club of Dunwoody. She is also a member of the Conservative Policy Leadership Institute, Class of 2014.

Nancy grew up in Georgia and earned her bachelor’s degree in Economics from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. She and her husband, Stanley, have three children that all attend public school.

Issues

--I commend Interim DeKalb CEO Lee May for his leadership in issuing his executive order, which provides for the installation of two special investigators to review government operations and make recommendations to appropriate authorities, based upon their findings.

--I support any and all efforts to improve county operations, as well as restore our image and public trust in county government.

--I call upon the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners to allow the special investigators appointed by CEO Lee May to expand their operations to include the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners.

-- I have been appointed to serve on the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee and the Employee Relations & Community Service Committee. I look forward to voting on the taxpayer’s behalf on these committees as well as attending and working for the taxpayers at the other committee meetings.

Nancy can also be followed on Facebook: [NancyJesterGA](https://www.facebook.com/NancyJesterGA) or Twitter: [@nancy_jester](https://twitter.com/nancy_jester). She can be contacted by email: nancy@nancyjester.com, mail: Manuel J Maloof Center, 1300 Commerce Drive, Decatur, Ga. 30030 or phone: office: 404-371-2844/cell: 678-360-1148

Keep an eye out for updates in the *Smoke Signal*. Her website publishes times and locations of the town hall meetings she conducts in her district.



– Meet Your Neighbor –
Reneé Glaubitz
by **Kimberly Sizemore**

As the weather warms, I hope you are tempted to take a walk. If so, imagine that you are meandering through Smoke Rise, smelling the daffodils, and you hear some music calling out to you, perhaps for you. You stop, pause, raise a listening ear and find that the music is speaking your name and saying words to your soul. If this happens, you have probably found yourself in front of the home of Reneé Glaubitz.

You will most certainly hear her before you see her, as music, both hypothetically and sometimes quite realistically, has gone ahead of and followed behind her, all of her life. Reneé grew up with a father who taught violin and viola and a mother who taught piano. Her husband was a cellist and together, their love of music gave them jobs all over the country. Even now, a granddaughter is pursuing a major in flute.



Reneé studied the cello at Yale, along with viola and violin, although she chuckles “I wasn’t very good at the violin.” The most prominent item in her home is her piano, where you will find her playing beautiful classical music and doing finger exercises regularly. Although she has taught music in various colleges, she now teaches piano in her home. “The most rewarding part is the students. They are always great,” she says.

Since 1994, Reneé has lived in Smoke Rise with a home full of music. As the program chairman for Decatur Music Teachers, she has held recitals in her home and opened the community around her to the music that she has to offer, not only through her instruments and knowledge, but the music in her heart, as well.

“Everything I’ve ever done is music,” she says. “My favorite instrument is the viola and I love the string quartet.” Yet, interestingly enough, when asked what she most wants to be remembered for, she says, not music. “I like people,” she says, “I love young people. I like their ideas, their honesty and spunk.” And it’s easy to believe, with her own spunk, that Reneé IS one of those young people.

She says it is just a part of life that not everyone has the opportunity to do what they love, however, that does not mean one should stop pursuing their natural talents. “I think everyone is gifted. I think that the human being is musical.” And whether or not you believe you actually ARE gifted, it’s never too late to discover the music within yourself. Reneé believes that people have more creativity, more music ability than they realize. “I think quite often of the quote by Eleanor Roosevelt,” she says. “Every day try something that frightens you.”

So next time you hear a hint of music floating in the breeze, perhaps stop and say “hello” to your neighbor, Reneé Glaubitz. After all, now you can say you have been properly introduced.

If you know someone in Smoke Rise who has an interesting story or personality and would be a good addition to feature in “Meet Your Neighbor,” email us their information at smoke-signal@earthlink.net.



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NEWS YOU CAN USE

By AvivA Hoffmann

Don’t be a “Fool” This Tax Season

Tax season is in full swing, and that means it’s also scam season. Of course, we should be cautious all year round, but many fraud attempts increase during tax time. You might be surprised at the ingenious (and not so ingenious) ways thieves get victims to part with their hard-earned income. From promises of a faster or bigger refund to threats of arrest or prosecution, the government estimates scams cost taxpayers billions of dollars each year. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) puts out a “Dirty Dozen” list each year, and a few caught my interest:

Phone Scams: Aggressive phone calls by criminals impersonating IRS agents. They sound convincing and threaten arrest, deportation, license revocation and other things. They use fake names and bogus IRS identification badge numbers. They may know a lot about their targets, and they usually alter the caller ID to make it look like the IRS is calling. Victims are told they owe money and it must be paid promptly through a pre-loaded debit card or wire transfer. Or, victims may be told they have a refund due, to try to trick them into sharing private information.

If you get a call from someone claiming to be from the IRS, hang up and originate the call on your terms to verify its legitimacy. Also, be mindful that if you have voicemail, scammers often leave an “urgent” callback request. Don’t fall for it.

Phishing: Always be on guard for fake emails or websites. The IRS will not send you an email about a bill or refund out of the blue. Don’t click on one claiming to be from the IRS. Clicking on strange emails and websites could compromise your personal information and lead to identity theft.

Identity Theft: There’s been an increase in criminals filing fraudulent tax returns using someone else’s Social Security number. The IRS is making progress on this front, but taxpayers still need to be extremely careful. Make sure you request your credit report (one free per year) to help catch any suspicious or illegal activity done in your name. To get started on that, go to the site “authorized by federal law” and recommended by Clark Howard at: <https://www.annualcreditreport.com>.

Return Preparer Fraud: Watch out for unscrupulous tax return preparers. The vast majority of tax professionals provide honest, high-quality service. But there are some dishonest preparers who set up shop each filing season to perpetrate refund fraud, identity theft and other scams.

Steer clear of any tax preparer that charges fees based on the size of your anticipated refund. Never let a preparer ask for the refund to be deposited into his or her account rather than sent straight to you.

Also, be skeptical if a preparer asks you to sign a blank return that will be filled out later or promises you a refund that seems too good to be true! Bogus tax preparers claim they can get you money based on false deductions and/or credits. However, if you are involved in a false claim, you could be in legal trouble.

If you have any concerns, you can check the Better Business Bureau’s site to find out a tax preparer’s license status and whether they have had any disciplinary actions.

Fake Charities: Be on guard against groups masquerading as charitable organizations to attract donations from unsuspecting contributors. You should take a few extra minutes to ensure the organization is an eligible charity. Also, be wary of charities with names that are similar to familiar or nationally known organizations.

Remember: The IRS will never: 1) call to demand immediate payment, nor will the agency call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill; 2) demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount you owe; 3) require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card; 4) ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone; or 5) threaten to bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

If you want more information from the IRS on the Internet, be sure to go there directly (www.irs.gov), rather than following any links sent inside an e-mail.

Happy tax preparation – and refund receiving – to us all!



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Mountain Mums Garden Club

The Mountain Mums Garden Club met on March 11 at the home of member Jeanne George. After brunch and a short business meeting, Jeanne, who is an accomplished watercolor artist, taught: “Watercolor flowers, Class II” to the club.

For those who want to follow along in learning to watercolor a flower, this is what we did:

- 1) Each member was given a small palette of paints (primary colors of blue, yellow and red), a sheet of watercolor paper, blue painters tape and a piece of foam board backing.
- 2) We then chose a botanical photograph or picture to paint from. We learned that it is not proper to sell a painting that was painted from someone else’s photograph. In the art world this would be like ‘plagiarism’ is to a writer. However, if the painting is from a photograph the artist took, there is no problem claiming it to be original art.
- 3) Then we taped our watercolor paper to the foam board backing. This kept the paper from curling up when the watercolor was applied.
- 4) Some of the members sketched their subject onto the watercolor paper.
- 5) The others traced the photo of the flower onto tracing paper. They then placed a sheet of carbon paper, carbon side down over the watercolor paper. Laying the tracing paper over the carbon paper, they went over the tracing with a soft pencil. This ‘transferred’ the picture to the watercolor paper.
- 6) Each group then used one of the four methods we learned in class #1: wet-on-wet, wet-on-dry, dry-on-wet or dry-on-dry technique to paint the pictures.
- 7) By mixing the paints (think elementary paint mixing) both groups were able to complete their pictures with pride.

One more tip: Have plenty of paper towels and a spare paper to test your mixed colors. Dabbing your brush on the paper towels before each series of strokes keeps the paper from getting too wet. Good watercolor artists use multiple layers of paint to build up their color values. Sometimes a layer needs to dry before more color is added. A less than dime size dab of paint should last twenty paintings!

Our next Mountain Mums Garden Club meeting will be April 8 at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Debra Adams. We will be making clay garden ornaments. Call Ann Purr at 770-921-9070 for more information.



Helen Homrich, Shannon Betsill, Jeanne George, Mary Lou Still and Becky Dennison

Spring Flower Arranging the Topic for Mountain Shadow Garden Club’s April Meeting

A great way to get more enjoyment from the profusion of spring blooms in the Atlanta area is to bring the color and beauty inside in the form of creative flower arrangements. Floral designer Marty Hillman will be the featured speaker for the Monday, April 13, meeting of Mountain Shadow Garden Club (MSGC) with her program on “Spring Flower Arranging”.

Ms. Hillman has extensive flower arranging experience and operated her own floral and event business, called “In Bloom”, for 14 years where weddings and parties were her main focus. Early in her career, Ms. Hillman apprenticed for three years with a Master Floral Designer who studied in Paris and New York. She continued her career with responsibility for marketing and events in the corporate world, and has been a special contractor for Christmas installations in the Coca Cola complex, Druid Hills Country Club, Evergreen at Stone Mountain, and in local banks and private homes. Her main love is floral design. Later this year, she has been asked to conduct a floral design class at the State Botanical Garden.

MSGC is open to men and women of all ages who enjoy learning about a diverse range of topics on gardens and plants. The free Monday evening meeting and program activities begin promptly at 7:30 pm. Refreshments and socializing follow. The group meets in Founders Hall at Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 5801 Hugh Howell Road, Stone Mountain. For more information or for directions, call club president Jeff Raines at 404-641-8633.



Smoke Rise Garden Club

The installation of the 2015-2017 officers of the Smoke Rise Garden Club was held at The Cottage On Main in Duluth this past Saturday. The weather and ambience was perfect for the ceremony and the service and food was wonderful as well. We were honored to have Rigby Duncan, Federation Communications Chairman and past president of the DeKalb Federation of Garden Clubs present the officers. Rigby presented each with a flower wrapped in a colored ribbon which signified the duties and responsibilities of each officer. Edith Morton, President; Denise Finley and Kathryn Banks, Co-First Vice Presidents; Margarita Fajardo, Second Vice President; Penny Galpin, Recording Secretary; Paula Adeoba, Corresponding Secretary and Peggy Clegg, Treasurer. Garden clubs are a fun and social group of women. However the clubs have a serious side as well



L to R, Edith Morton, Penny Galpin, Margarita Fajardo, Rigby Duncan, Paula Adeoba, Peggy Clegg, Denise Finley, Kathryn Banks.

- helping to create interests in gardening and community involvement. For men who are interested, there is a men’s garden club in our area. Smoke Rise Garden Club is a club

that meets in the evening, and provides members who work outside the home the opportunity to participate in the neighborhood beautification projects as well as the education and available resources for their own gardens. We meet the first Monday of every month at 7:00p.m. If you are interested in joining or learning more about garden clubs, please contact Jane Culbertson at 770-938-3060 or destovan@aol.com.

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Morning Glories Name New Officers



The Smoke Rise Morning Glories Garden Club’s new slate of officers for the 2015-2017 years. From left to right: Ruth Ann Hill, Joy Zaidan, Melodie Janin subbing for Mary Clark, Vivian Nickelsen, Glenndolyn Hallman, Joyce Ray, Quill Duncan and presenter, Deanna McFarlan.

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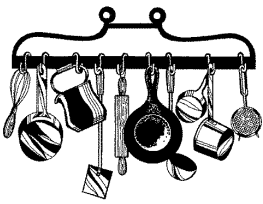
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HODGE PODGE



By Jenny Hall-Busch

I am stocking up on Dr. Pepper® because I have decided that it is one of nature’s perfect foods, next to chocolate and gravy. I know that we aren’t supposed to be drinking all that many carbonated drink-colas because of our health and teeth and general guilt at having something delicious, but I just love carbonation in all forms, except for hydrogen peroxide perhaps. With that in mind, I am devoting this entire column to totally delicious Dr. Pepper® recipes, because I think that April just needs a little fizz or something to kick start it into actual Spring. Grab something fizzy and start cooking!

First let’s start with something fabulous for serving with grilled burgers.

Baked Beans with Dr. Pepper®

½ pound cooked ground beef or turkey
4 slices of bacon, cooked and crumbled, save 2 Tablespoons fat
1 medium diced onion
3 (16 oz) cans of good quality, plain pork and beans
¾ cup Dr. Pepper® - not diet
About ½ cup favorite barbecue sauce
2 teaspoons vinegar
1 teaspoon dry mustard or a little squirt of regular mustard
Dash of cayenne pepper

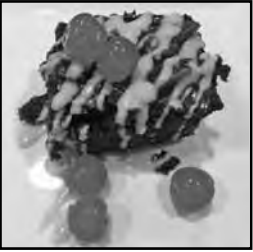
Sauté the onion in the reserved bacon fat until onion is tender. Add remaining ingredients and pour into a lightly greased 2-quart baking dish. Bake at 350° for about 1 hour 15 minutes, uncovered, until thick and delicious.

You can also add about half of a sautéed green bell pepper to the onion if desired.

My Almost-Famous Barbecue Sauce

½ large bottle of Dr. Pepper® (about 1 liter)
2 Tablespoons soy sauce, 1 Tablespoon lemon juice and 1 Tablespoon vinegar
½ medium diced onion
2 cups catsup
½ cup brown sugar
Hot sauce to taste

Cook Dr. Pepper®, soy sauce, lemon juice, vinegar and onion over medium heat until reduced to about half (2 hours). Add remaining ingredients and continue to cook until just barely thick...not heavy. Add hot sauce or pepper to taste.



Eleanor’s Amazing Dr. Pepper® Cake

2 cups sugar mixed with 2 cups flour
½ cup butter
½ cup vegetable oil
3 Tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
1 cup Dr. Pepper®
1 teaspoon baking soda
½ cup buttermilk
2 large eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla.

Mix flour and sugar. In saucepan, mix butter, oil, cocoa, and Dr. Pepper®. Bring to a boil and pour over dry ingredients. Blend well. Dissolve baking soda in the buttermilk and add to flour mixture along with the eggs and vanilla. Pour into well-greased 9x13 pan and bake 35-45 minutes at 350°. Pour icing over cake while still warm.

Icing: 1 stick butter, 3 Tablespoons unsweetened cocoa, 6 Tablespoons Dr. Pepper®, 1 box powdered sugar, 1 teaspoon vanilla and 1 cup chopped toasted pecans. Bring butter, cocoa and Dr. Pepper® to a boil. Remove from heat and add powdered sugar, blending well. Add vanilla and pecans and spread over hot cake. Cool and drizzle with maraschino glaze for extra pop. Garnish with extra cherries for zing!

Glaze: 2 cups powdered sugar mixed with 2 Tablespoons milk, 2 Tablespoons melted butter and 3 Tablespoons maraschino cherry juice. Drizzle over cool cake. This cake gets better as it sits and is wonderfully moist. It’s a cake you can almost drink because it just melts in your mouth.

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Stone Mountain Rotary Club

by L.A. Dison

Stone Mountain Rotary Club Solves Murder Mystery

The first quarter of 2015 was busy for members of the Rotary Club of Stone Mountain as they fought polio, helped students with vocabulary skills – and solved a murder for charity.

The Stone Mountain Rotary Club had a deadly good time in February with its annual Murder Mystery Dinner and Silent Auction. Held this year at Dave and Busters in Duluth, the event attracted about 60 members and guests, who enjoyed an evening of mystery and intrigue while they endeavored to uncover which of their fellows was guilty of murder. The culprit was Eugene Fleeman, the Stone Mountain club’s newest member. After the case was solved, a silent auction gave attendees the chance to take home prizes from generous sponsors, including Rosenfeld Jewelry, Art Station, Marriott Evergreen Resort at Stone Mountain and Allstar Events. Proceeds from the event helped fund various community projects of the club.

Also in February, the Stone Mountain club joined with Rotarians across the globe to celebrate “Light Up Rotary,” focusing public attention on Rotary’s efforts to eradicate polio. On a cold Monday night, members from clubs in Stone Mountain, Carrolton, Gwinnett, Buckhead, Sandy Springs and Northlake met at Stone Mountain Park to view photos from Rotary’s polio campaign projected onto the mountain for an hour.

The club continued its support of local schools with its annual delivery of dictionaries to Stone Mountain Elementary. Members distributed a dictionary to each student at the school to help build vocabulary skills.

The Stone Mountain club meets every Tuesday for noon lunch at Smoke Rise Country Club. To learn more about the club and its upcoming programs, go to www.stonemountainrotary.org.



Stone Mountain Rotary members celebrate the global ‘Light Up Rotary’ program to eliminate Polio worldwide