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Smoke Rise Community Association Annual Meeting Report

By Michael Huerkamp, President

The annual meeting of the SRCA was held on the evening of March 22, 2016 in the Fellowship Hall of Smoke Rise Baptist Church with President Mike Huerkamp presiding. There were approximately 120 association members in attendance. Special guests attending were Mayor Frank Auman and Council Members Honey van de Kreke and Bill Rosenfeld of District two of our new city of Tucker. DeKalb County School Board Member Jim McMahan, and Mary Ann Thomas represented the new Smoke Rise Country Club management team. During the course of the meeting, each made short presentations and fielded questions.

Mayor Auman disclosed that the Sears property had recently been sold, and that details of development were pending.

President Huerkamp reported that the board had met ten times in 2015 including one meeting each, with the Tucker precinct police leadership and with Emory Morsberger (representing the businesses of the Stone Mountain Community Improvement District).

Major services and initiatives of the SRCA in 2015 were: free document shredding and electronics recycling events; maintenance of landscaping at 15 chimneys (up from 10); installation of a new stack at the Rosser Place and Hugh Howell intersection; expansion of landscaping on the Hugh Howell slope across from Smoke Rise Park; a donation of \$4,545 in computers to the elementary school; illumination of the Mountain Creek sign; and improved parking, refrigeration, shed access and installation of an information kiosk at the community garden. Gratitude was expressed to Jackson Gibbs for his contribution to the garden improvements.

SRCA membership was 747 members in 2015, up 3% from 2014. Income for the year was reported at \$38,164 representing a 28% increase attributed to increased membership, extra donations above the dues amount from many neighbors, and the high use of the community garden. At year-end, the SRCA had a balance of \$53,585. The \$35 dues donation in 2015 was distributed as follows: 51% to green space maintenance, 8% operations, 7% for insurance, 3% for events, and the remainder to reserves.

The saga of SRCA status with the IRS continues from 2014 into 2016. While recognized as a non-profit by the state of GA, SRCA has no known history of ever filing with the IRS. The board has retained the accounting firm of Rugh & Logan, LLC to assist with the submission of proper tax documents.

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A Mother's Love is Like a Beautiful Melody that Never Ends

by Barbara Bruschi

Spring signifies the resurgence of new life and the eternal cycle of rebirth, making the glorious month of May the perfect setting for a Mother's Day celebration. The origins of Mother's Day can be found in the era of the ancient Greeks and Romans. While the Greeks honored Rhea, the Romans were devout to Cybele, (250B.C) a mother goddess. Later, the early Christians held a festival on the 4th Sunday of Lent to honor Mary, the Mother of Christ.

Today 46 countries all over the world are honoring their mothers on a designated day, which varies from country to country. The UK had a Mothering Sunday (in the 1600s) long before America established this day to celebrate all Mothers. Servants, apprentices and other employees were encouraged to visit their mothers on this day. By the 19th century the custom of celebrating Mother's day had almost died out completely

In 1872, Julia Ward Howe who is the author of the famous "Battle Hymn of the Republic" had the original idea of creating a day to celebrate Mothers Peace Day. Unfortunately, this idea did not last either.

In 1905, Anna Jarvis restarted the movement in the Church of Grafton, West Virginia to pay homage to her own mother. Carnations, a symbol of a mother's pure love, sweetness, purity and patience were distributed throughout the church service. After an intensive effort of lobbying by Jarvis, In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a "Joint Resolution" designating the second

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Council (left to right) Anne Lerner, Mayor Frank Auman, Noelle Monferdini, Bill Rosenfeld, Michelle Penkava, Matt Robbins and Honey Van De Kreke

New City of Tucker Government

After the March 29 runoff elections, the City of Tucker Council is fully seated. Perhaps the best way to introduce each is through the links they have created on Facebook and LinkedIn. Soon a website for the city will be available, but until then, all notices and resolutions and information are on the Tucker Civic Association Site with downloadable documents - <http://tuckercivic.org/category/city-of-tucker/>

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May Calendar of Events

- 1 *Flights of Fancy, music about birds:* 4:00 p.m.
Eastminster Presbyterian Church
- 6 ARTucker: 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., Tucker Recreation Center.
- 6 *Fridays, Tunes by the Tracks* Concert Series: 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Municipal Parking lot, Stone Mountain Village
- 7 ARTucker: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tucker Recreation Center
- 9 Charity Golf Tournament: 10:00 a.m., Smoke Rise Country Club
- 14 Stone Mountain Masonic Lodge BBQ: 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Stn. Mtn. Village Lodge
- 21 Tucker Arts Guild meeting: 7:00 p.m. The Custom Frame Shop
- 21 SR Bath and Racquet Pool opens
- 21 Stone Mountain Village Ghost Tours: 6:30 and 8:30 p.m.
meet at ART Station
- 21 DeKalb County Firefighters Appreciation: 9:00-11:00 a.m.
See the trucks; Fill the pantry
- 27 Summit Pool opens

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Mothers...

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Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

The word "mother" is associated with nurture, strength, courage, caring, wisdom, tenderness, compassion and unconditional love.

Throughout life we are greatly influenced by our mother's devotion, discipline, understanding and forgiveness. Our mothers help to shape our character, the way we learn to differentiate between right and wrong and how we treat others. They teach us to follow our dream and destiny and how to deal with the world and its many challenges. Laughter, letting go and playfulness are part of our formative years, encouraged by our mother. Our mothers are also present to encourage us during our triumphs, failures, sickness and health-- until they draw their last breath.

Today mothers and grandmothers are honored for the love, sacrifices and protection they offer us throughout their lives. This day is perfect to shower your mothers and grandmothers with love and reverence. You can select flowers, candies, home made gifts or invent surprises like breakfast in bed or a trip to a favorite restaurant. Even a cruise or a weekend away... These acts of kindness are more appreciated than you know.

Mother's Day is also a day to remember the mothers who have lost their children due to illness, war and other tragic circumstances. Our hearts go out to them. There is no greater pain than losing a child. Our mothers give us life and there is no better reward for a mother than to see her child or children happy and successful in every way.

Remember to pay a tribute to your mother not only on this special day, but everyday. Abraham Lincoln wrote: "All that I am and ever hope to be. I owe to my angel Mother." Remember your angel today!

Smoke Rise Baptist Church

Dr. Chris George, Senior Pastor
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 Danny Vancil, Minister of Music & Worship
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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: 11:30 a.m. Prime Time
 Wednesdays:
 5:00-5:45 Fellowship Dinner
 6:00-7:00 Programs for children, youth and adults
 7:00-8:30 Sanctuary choir
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Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Pastor: Rev. J. Caleb Clarke III
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 11:00 a.m. Worship
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 6:30 p.m. Adult and Children's Program
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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 9:30 a.m. Bible School Classes – Adults & Children
 10:30 a.m. Worship

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 11:00 a.m. Worship
 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time
 Thursdays:
 7:00 p.m. Adult Study Group

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ART STATION presents
ME AND JEZEBEL
by Elizabeth L. Fuller
April 28–May 15

During the New York hotel strike of 1985, the legendary and displaced Bette Davis (played by Googie Uterhardt) was invited to a dinner party at the New England home of star-struck Elizabeth Fuller (played by Aretta Baumgartner) where she stayed...and stayed...and stayed. One month later, Elizabeth, her husband, and young son will never be the same. Based on a true story, this is a candidly funny account of trying to please the irascible queen of Hollywood. The language in this play is as saucy as Bette Davis.

Googie Uterhardt is a seasoned Atlanta actor who has performed a variety of roles at numerous theatres in Atlanta. He has performed at the Alliance Theatre, Center for Puppetry Arts, OnStage Atlanta, Aurora Theatre and others. He is thrilled to be returning to ART Station in the role of a lifetime – Bette Davis – in *Me and Jezebel*. He has performed at ART Station over a dozen times. He has also been on the education staff at ART Station for many years, teaching creative dramatics to ART Station's young artists.

A professional puppeteer for over 20 years, Aretta Baumgartner is the Education Director at the Center for Puppetry Arts in Atlanta and regularly works as a performer, director and teaching artist. Since relocating to Atlanta four years ago, Aretta has worked with numerous theater production companies including ART Station Theatre where she most recently performed in *Christmas Wishes*, *A Christmas Survival Guide* and *The Dixie Swim Club*.

Performances are Thursdays through Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. and Sundays at 3:00 p.m. There will also be a 10:30 a.m. Matinee on May 11. For tickets, call the Box Office at 770-469-1105 or visit www.artstation.org.



A CONTEMPORARY
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Summer Youth Performance and Arts Camps

ART Station is proud to present its award winning summer arts camp and performance company programs beginning June 6 and continuing through July 29.

The Performance Program for Youth runs for two weeks and begins June 6 and ends June 17. This professional two-week program for students age 7-13 introduces campers to the theatre production and performance process. Daily drama classes & rehearsals utilize improvisation, theatre games, singing, dancing, poetry and visual arts. The session culminates with an original show, created and performed by the campers on Friday, June 17.

The weekly sessions of Arts Camp run June 20 – July 22 (no camp week of July 4th). The mission of ART Station Summer Arts Camp is to involve the campers age 5-13 in a variety of artistic activities in the performing, literary, and visual arts, allowing the students to explore their creativity with their peers in a fun, safe, and nurturing environment.

Again this year is the Teen Performance Company running July 25 – 29.

For brochures about ART Station summer arts programs call (770) 469-1105, or visit the www.artstation.org to download application and registration forms.

ART Station Presents
Stone Mountain Village Ghost Tours
Saturday, May 21
6:30 and 8:30 p.m.
www.artstation.org

Participants are transported through the village by ART Station's tram. Each tour is limited to six people. Light or moderate walking required. Not recommended for children under 8. Tour will be rescheduled for severe weather. Tours are by reservation only. Tickets: \$25 for adults, \$18 for children under 14. Call (770) 469-1105.

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Annual Art Market Encourages Creativity in Tucker

Tucker's biannual art festival, ARTucker, will be held again May 6 -7 at the Tucker Recreation Center. Bringing artists of all types together, the marketplace is open to the public, free of charge, and the community is invited to view and purchase works ranging from pottery and paintings to home goods and jewelry.

The event will not only feature 50 local artists, but a food truck, as well as the acoustic house band, Tom Hill & The Laid Back Gypsy Souls. Returning artist Heather Muse says she is excited to be involved in this event again. "ARTucker is a two day event where Tucker residents and neighbors can come together and enjoy local art, delicious food, some live music, and be part of a vibrant community." As a scroll saw artist whose wood creations will be on display, Heather says ARTucker was her favorite event she attended last year. "I loved meeting so many Tucker residents who were dedicated to showing up and supporting local artists."

Host and creator of the event, Patty Young, says she has been encouraged by the outpouring of support for the arts in Tucker. "I didn't know how ARTucker would be received by the community when I put it together last year," she says. "Now that we're going on our third market, I can tell that Tucker has embraced our efforts and truly enjoys the opportunity to get together and buy the work of local artists. I believe that the creative arts make our lives better and clearly so does the city of Tucker."

One of Patty Young's initial goals in creating this event was to connect local artists, which she has been successful at doing. But it also has connected the community to the arts in an amazing and unexpected way. Heather Muse agrees that the community involvement has been great to see and says she was pleased to see ARTucker inspire all generations. "One of my favorite experiences last year was talking to children about my art and how I create it. This event gives children a valuable opportunity to connect with and learn from local artists. I also talked with a couple of people last year who left ARTucker inspired to go home and get out their tools and/or paints again; a show that inspires people to make their own art is a wonderful gift to the community."

The event will be held Friday, May 6 from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 7 from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. For more information, contact artuckerga@yahoo.com.



Book Artist Alicia Griswold is getting ready for ARTucker

Tucker Historical Society's 2016 Fourteenth Annual Garden Tour

Saturday, May 21, 2016

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Tickets Now On Sale at these fine shops:

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Saturday, May 21
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 Fire Station 5
 4013 Lawrenceville Highway, Tucker

Commissioner Nancy Jester is asking community residents and businesses to show our appreciation for the hard working DeKalb County Fire Fighters of District One by helping to stock the pantry at their stations. Staple food items such as sugar, salad dressing, seasonings, cereal, snacks, and beverages such as, coffee, tea, sodas, and sports drinks are welcomed. Children are invited to come see the trucks and equipment.

75th Annual Stone Mountain Masonic Barbecue
 Saturday, May 14 • 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Lodge will serve the best Barbecue and Brunswick stew around. The stew is cooked in giant black pots and the meat is open-fire cooked all night by Master Masons. \$9 for eat-in or take out. Coleslaw completes the meal. Brunswick stew (\$9/quart) and BBQ pork (\$18/quart) are available for take out. Eastern Star Chapter #205 will have homemade desserts for a small additional charge. If you would like to pre-order a whole cake call Doris at 678-412-4799. You can pick up the cake on either May 7 at the Masonic Lodge monthly breakfast or at the Barbecue on May 14.



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 & drinks and use the grill
7. The kids can use floats & 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!

In addition to all of these great benefits, The Summit pool is currently undergoing a facelift! This project includes resurfacing the pool and replacing the tile surround, and we are happy to report is construction going well and on schedule.

The Summit Swim & Tennis Club, located on Silver Hill Road, boasts extended pool hours: 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily, Friday Night swim till 10:00 p.m., secure electronic access for members, covered pavilion with picnic tables, family social events, fenced play area, diving board, saline filtration system and off-street parking. The pool will be open 7 days a week beginning May 27th through mid-September.

The Summit Swim & Tennis Club family registration fees are \$390 Pool only or \$430 Pool & Tennis. Additional membership options are \$275 Tennis only or Single Adult Swim membership is \$175. Pool Memberships run May 27 through Mid-September and Tennis Memberships run May 1 through April 30.

Register now for a summer full of fun for the entire family! Online payment & checks are accepted. Visit us online at thesummitatmokerise.com or follow us on Facebook. For more information contact Jena Gress, Membership Chair, at smokerisesummitpool@gmail.com.

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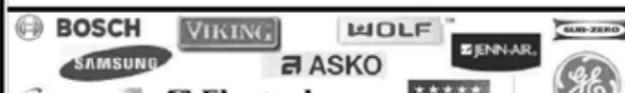
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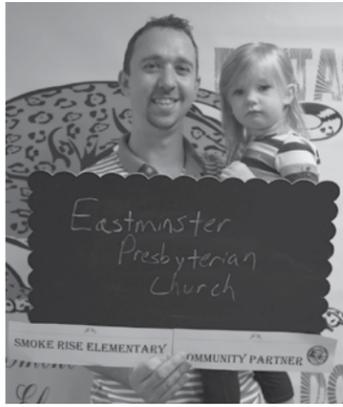
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SRES Hosts First Community Partners' Celebration

Smoke Rise Elementary School (SRES) held their first ever community appreciation event on March 25. Partners of SRES were represented from a great number of organizations, including:

Stone Mountain Woman's Club, Morning Glories, Mount Carmel Christian Church, Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Incarnate Word Lutheran Church, Expanded Food Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP), Waffle House, Smoke Rise Community Association (SRCA), Home Depot, Smoke Rise Baptist Church, Mountain West Church, Publix, Kroger, Stone Creators, Cofer Brothers, Northlake Kiwanis, Lowe's, Reynolds Printing, Economy Auto Sales, Girl Scouts



These community partners were treated to a luncheon complete with a performance by the SRES chorus, an inspirational reading, and took a walk down the infamous SRES red carpet. Each partner signed a Declaration of Partnership to solidify his or her relationship with the school. Partners were also given certificates and tokens of appreciation.

The SRES Community Partners showed their heartfelt appreciation for Principal McCloud by giving her a standing ovation. Her dynamic leadership and exceptional efforts have created an inspiring learning environment apparent to staff, students, parents, and the community. Special recognition was also afforded to our ever passionate and gregarious parent liaison Brenda Ali.

Mrs. Brenda Ali was commended for her diligence and fortitude in consistently bridging the gap between the community and the school.

The Community Partners' Luncheon was a tremendous success and the relationships between school and community are stronger than ever!

SRES Requests Community Support for Students' Reading Success

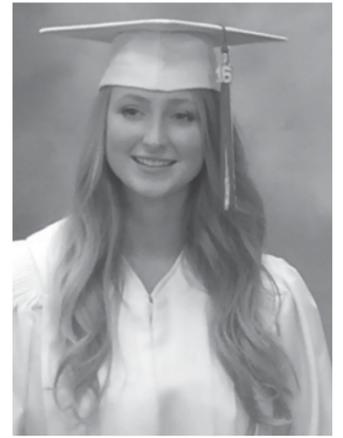
The Accelerated Reader Committee at Smoke Rise Elementary is getting ready for one of the biggest school-wide events of the year: Accelerated Reader Celebration. The event will be held on May 17th. Accelerated Reader is a program that is designed to motivate students to read and strengthen their reading skills. This event recognizes students who have met their reading goals for the school year.

Celebrating students' success is crucial to building a positive foundation in their academic lives, and they'd like to invite the community to be a part of this special event. A school is only as strong as the community that supports it, so they are asking for community support to make this celebration a memorable and meaningful experience for students.

This year's theme is Up, Up, and Away... Read Every Day. Donations such as food items, white t-shirts (children's sizes), tie-dye supplies, party decorations, or gift certificates would be greatly appreciated. SRES hopes you will join them in making this event successful!

GRADUATE

Mary-Kathryn Clark



Mary-Kathryn Clark will be graduating in May from Greater Atlanta Christian School with a 4.35 GPA. She will be attending Georgia Tech in their Honors program. Mary-Kathryn is the 2016 runner-up of the Georgia United Catholic Scholarship. She is a member of the Beta Club, National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, an editor on the year-book staff and she is the Student Body Historian of the Student Council. Mary-Kathryn is a published author, co-writing *If I Were In Charge: 30 High School Students Share Their Vision*. She is a "Volunteen" for Zoo Atlanta as well as Emory University Hospital. She is the daughter of Frank and Christine Clark of Smoke Rise, Georgia.

NOTICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Smoke Rise Community Meeting
Smoke Rise Elementary Charter School
Construction Update
Wednesday, May 11 at 6:30 p.m.
Smoke Rise Elementary Cafeteria

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Smoke Rise Salutes Our Up and Coming Leaders at Providence Christian Academy!



Providence Christian Academy Students from Smoke Rise really lead! Connie Schneider was elected by the student body and staff to be the upcoming Student Body President. She is only the third female to fill this role!

Next year's senior class will be led by six student class officers. Three of them are from Smoke Rise. Olivia Wilson will be the incoming Senior Class President. Grace Auman will be Vice President. Jack Smith is one of two student council representatives for his class.

Pictured, left to right, are Olivia Wilson, Senior Class President, Jay Smith, Senior Class Student Council, Connie Schneider, Student Body President, Grace Auman, Senior Class Vice President

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MOUNTAIN CREEK SWIM CLUB IS GOING FOR THE GOLD!

Our 2016 summer theme will be the Rio de Janeiro Summer Olympics! Join us on Friday, May 22nd as we head for Brazil via the big screen to watch the Olympic Trial matchups! The U.S. Men's and Women's water polo teams will face off with Australia.

Our own Mountain Creek Opening Ceremonies will be Friday, May 27th, 7:00 p.m., when we'll have our first potluck meal of the season. Summer fun will include Olympic themed activities for all ages, Olympic style games on Memorial Day and other days, and Sunday afternoon kids' activities including making ice cream!

Back for the second season: WATER AEROBICS! Meet your neighbors while getting exercise and having fun! Sessions are on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. – FREE to members! Guests are welcome for a fee of \$5.00 per session.

ENJOY MEMBERSHIP IN MOUNTAIN CREEK SWIM CLUB! The pool is the jewel of Smoke Rise . . . hidden away in a beautiful setting with a large adjacent parking lot.

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Last season, SRBRC dazzled members with a jam packed social calendar with 10 different live musical performances, the Annual Smoke Rise BBQ Cook Off, movies under the stars and camp-outs, an epic pig-roast, kids' parties, a laid back Low Country Shrimp Boil, grill parties, tennis round Robins and many other great events.

So, go ahead, make sure your bathing suit is not too snug, the floaties have no leaks and the sunscreen isn't expired. Because it's finally happening, SRBRC will open the pool for the 2016 season on Saturday, May 21.

The club is jumping into summer fun with a huge splash you definitely don't want to miss, with an Opening Party and Open House on Saturday, June 4 with live entertainment, great BBQ, raffles and games, and an evening concert.

If you have never been a member before, there is no greater club in the neighborhood that has more to offer. For \$188.00 you can get a first-time family swim and tennis membership for a year, with access to all the events. If you are a member and haven't renewed your membership yet, don't wait. SRBRC is still the greatest value in our community.

Get your ticket to an awesome summer. Complete the flyer in this edition of the Smoke Signal, enclose your payment and become a member. You will not regret it.

Visit SRBRC's website at SRBRC.org and follow the club on Facebook, so you'll always get the latest updates and events at SRBRC. For membership questions, please call (770) 493-9073.

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For the coming year, improvements and projects will be: replacement of sign toppers at key intersections; continued sponsorship of community events such as the "Walk to Remember" and confidential document shredding and landscaping at the Rosser Triangle stack. Entry point signs to neighborhoods will be theft-proofed, and Little Libraries will be installed.

The SRCA board looks forward to working with Tucker city leadership in the rise of our new city and implementation of services, while continuing to promote the distinctiveness of Smoke Rise. At the end of the meeting it was announced that Lyle Collins, Mike Huerkamp, Kalpana Patel, Virginia Rece, Doug Reynics, and Eileen Stone were elected to two-year terms on the SRCA Board of Directors. They will be joining Pam Heisler, Victor Economy, Jon Gravitt, Lisa Khemani, and Anna Ogletree, who are currently serving on the Board.



SMOKE RISE CAMERA CLUB

will meet beginning May 24 on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Meetings will be held in Room 223 at Smoke Rise Baptist Church.

The agenda includes a speaker or an informative presentation about photography and how to become a better photographer. The group is small and friendly and all degrees of experience can participate.

There is no charge for attending or joining the club. For more information, call Dick Brannan, 770-403-9872 or Wendell Tudor, 678-896-5524.

GFWC Stone Mountain Woman's Club Receives Awards at the 4th District Meeting

GFWC Georgia has recently completed a redistricting of clubs throughout the state, and this spring the clubs met for the last time in their old districts. The GFWC Stone Mountain Woman's Club was a member of the 4th District along with Decatur and Dunwoody, and they held their final meeting at the Smoke Rise Country Club on March 16.

Club members shared fond memories of their times together, but many said the meeting was "bittersweet" as Stone Mountain and Dunwoody will

be in different Districts after the State Convention to be held at Callaway Gardens this Spring.

The last 4th District Meeting was a time of reminiscing and a time of recognizing and rewarding the clubs for their outstanding work for their communities, as well as their work for state and national projects. Outgoing Club President, Barbara Luton, stated, "You are a wonderful group of women who work well together and get great things accomplished. I am so proud of our club, and it was great getting to go up for that silver tray for best over-all!" In addition to the Community Service Program awards listed below, the GFWC Stone Mountain Woman's Club was recognized as the BEST OVER-ALL CLUB in the 4TH District.

Art--First Place

Conservation--Second Place

Education--Second Place

Home Life--First Place

International Outreach--First Place

Public Issues--First Place

Tallulah Falls School Award--Stone Mountain

Best Overall Club--Stone Mountain

Congratulation to all the GFWC Stone Mountain Woman's Club members and especially to the leaders of these club programs. Club members hope they will be celebrating additional awards to be presented at the GFWC Georgia State Convention at Callaway Gardens.

For further information, please contact Pat Sartain, Publicity Chairman, GFWC Stone Mountain Woman's Club at patsartain@aol.com or cell - (770) 815-0615.



Of Note to the Community...

(formerly Alerts & Watches)

by Cedric Ross

SAFETY ON THE STREET

- Before you leave home decide what you actually need to take with you rather than automatically taking your entire handbag or wallet. For example, if you are going to the grocery store for a few items, you can carry cash, a single check, or credit/debit card, I.D. and keys in a pocket
- Carry your keys and ID separately. If someone gets your keys and ID, they may go to your home or business and access that location with the keys.
- Wear clothing and shoes that are comfortable, low profile and appropriate for the weather.
- Always plan your route and stay alert to your surroundings. Avoid shortcuts. Walk confidently. Scan your surroundings and make eye contact with people.
- If you must make a large cash purchase, plan ahead and take a companion along. There really is safety in numbers. If you do not drive or cannot get a ride, use a taxi rather than a bus to minimize waiting time
- If you use bank machines (ATM's) choose one located in a well-lit, busy spot like inside a grocery store. Put your card and cash away before leaving the machine.
- If you must carry valuables like important papers, jewelry, cash etc., chose to wear clothes with inside pockets or use a small bag with a long thin strap to be worn under your coat or clothes.
- Never leave your purse unattended, even if it is in a shopping cart.
- Carry your purse very close to you, preferable with the strap over your shoulder and the purse to the front of your body. Don't dangle it from your arm.
- Avoid walking alone at night. As much as possible, walk or travel with a friend, even during the daytime.

Crime Reports

- 3/29/2016 Vandalism - 2000 BLOCK SILVER HILL RD
- 3/29/2016 LARCENY - 5600 BLOCK REDCOAT RUN
- 3/31/2016 DAMAGE TO PROPERTY - 5900 BLOCK HUGH HOWELL RD
- 4/4/16 BURGLARY - NO FORCED ENTRY 5500 BLOCK HUGH HOWELL RD
- 4/13/2016 - MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT - 5600 BLOCK SILVER RIDGE DRIVE

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In early March, Troop 876 celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Atlanta Area Council of Boy Scouts of America at Campout 100! This was a National Jamboree style event held at Bert Adams Scout Reservation in Covington, GA with thousands of other scouts. There were activities and games running all day, featuring Quiddich, Angry Birds, Bubble Soccer, Human Foosball and the OA Great Race. It was tons of fun. Come and join us any Monday night at Eastminster Presbyterian Church at 7:30pm!
---Charlie Smith, First Class Scout.

Smoke Rise Preferred Contractor's List

If you are looking for reliable people to build decks, paint, do electrical, plumbing, interior design and many other services, then request a copy of this list as a potential starting point. We maintain a free listing of contractors and other service providers that your neighbors have used successfully. If you want a copy of this list, please email Jim Farmer at: jimfarmer812@earthlink.net or call him at (770) 939-8949. We also ask for your feedback. Tell us about a contractor or service provider that you have used with opinions about their work. This information will be useful for future revisions of the list.



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NEWS YOU CAN USE

By Aviva Hoffmann

“There is Nothing Permanent Except Change”

That headline is courtesy of the Greek philosopher, Heraclitus of Ephesus. And, as most everyone in Smoke Rise knows by now, our sanitation services have gone through a few changes.

The DeKalb County Sanitation Division began once-a-week garbage, recycling and yard trimmings collection for all single-family residential households in unincorporated DeKalb and the cities of Brookhaven, Dunwoody and Lithonia on July 6, 2015. Phase I, which was completed in fall 2015, included garbage roll cart deliveries to all single-family homes in the Sanitation Division’s service area.



Phase II is underway, and focuses on implementing changes to garbage and recycling container requirements and collection procedures, increasing recycling participation, and providing optional garbage and recycling container offerings. The Sanitation Division implemented changes to garbage and recycling container requirements and collection procedures on April 18, 2016.

Now, only county-provided garbage roll carts are approved for garbage collection service. That means, garbage containers from your local home improvement store, or any other store, are not approved for garbage collection service in DeKalb County. If you have more garbage than your county-provided container holds, secure, durable plastic bags are approved for excess garbage. You must place the bag(s) next to your garbage roll cart on your scheduled collection day.

If you find your household frequently has more garbage than your county-provided container holds, then consider signing up for the convenient, curbside single-stream recycling program. You may also consider obtaining a different sized or additional garbage container to better fit your household’s needs. (Sizes offered by the county include: 35-, 45-, 65- and 95 gallon containers.)

The requirements for county-issued containers also went into effect for the recycling containers. Recyclable materials must be placed in county-provided blue 18-gallon recycling bins, blue 40-gallon recycling bags, or blue 65-gallon recycling roll carts. Customer-provided recycling containers from a third party are not approved for recycling collection service. To subscribe to the Sanitation Division’s FREE residential single-stream recycling program, contact (404) 294-2900 or visit keepdekalbbeautiful.org.

For yard trimmings, you can still use your own container. Do keep in mind however, that yard trimmings must be prepared according to the division’s preparation procedures, and should be contained in 20- to 40-gallon containers or biodegradable paper bags. Also, all containers should be covered and have a detachable lid.

These changes implemented during Phase II are helping minimize injuries to field collection service employees and the potential for damage to customer-provided containers. Customers not in compliance will experience a delay in sanitation collection service until their next scheduled collection day, and will be issued a notice advising of the use of an unapproved garbage or recycling container.

For more information on the new, cost-saving sanitation initiative, “Rolling Forward to One,” contact the Sanitation Division’s customer service team at (404) 294-2900, email SanitationPhase2@dekalbcountyga.gov, or visit the website at rollingforwardtoone.com.

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The Current Smoke Rise Real Estate Market



The Smoke Rise real estate market is getting stronger. If the trend for 2016 continues at the current pace, we should end up at or ahead of 2015 sales and definitely ahead in terms of dollar volume. The total dollar value of 27 homes sold year-to-date is \$8,212,026, with an average of \$304,149. Last year, at this time 19 homes sold for a total dollar value of \$5,108,670, with an average of \$268,877. (So far this year, the volume of sales in Smoke Rise is 29.6% of the total 2015 volume. It was only 16.8% at the same time in 2015.)

Over the past 5 years there has not been a consistent “best” or “worst” period for the Smoke Rise housing market. While individual homes are not directly comparable, (like apples to apples), homes in Smoke Rise do show a trend of increasing prices.

As of press time, the inventory of homes on the market is lower than previous years with 37 homes available.

Here are a few more numbers:

- 21 homes were sold in the first quarter of 2016 vs. 17 in the first quarter of 2015. The average price was \$297,948.
- The average dollars per square foot was \$93.84 in 2015--with a high of \$139.38 and low of \$36.01 for a home that had burned. In 2016, the average dollars per square foot is \$92.63 (YTD) with a high of \$115.84 and a low of \$60.83. So far no homes with pools have closed in 2016. Homes with a pool usually have a higher average cost per square foot.
- So far in 2016, average days on market* (list to close) for properties sold were 147, while it took an average of 187 days for homes to sell during the same time frame in 2015. The average days on the market for all of 2015 was 147 days.
- The highest priced listing in Smoke Rise is currently \$1,600,000 and the lowest is \$189,900 with the average being \$ 522,350. This reflects a higher number of upper end properties currently on the market than we have had in the past. This does not mean that they will sell for the asking price. If two homes in current listings that are priced over a million are removed from the statistics, the average list price of homes in Smoke Rise is \$456,303. There are only 8 homes under \$300,000 on the market. It should be noted that more than half of the homes sold in 2016 year-to-date are under \$300,000.

Overall home turnover rates in Smoke Rise show a growing confidence in selling.

- 2015 – 4%
- 2014 – 3.5%
- 2013 – 3.8%
- 2012 – 2.8%

While the market is always changing, favorable interest rates and strong economic conditions suggest that 2016 should be a good year in real estate. The data we are seeing shows some growth in dollars but slow growth compared to the markets in North Atlanta. *Note that in some cases relisted homes do not show entire market time.

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HEALTH NOTES:

by Cheri Schneider, M.D.

**Beer Belly and Muffin Top:
The Shape of Your Future?**

Body shape is largely determined by genetics and whether you are male or female. In general, physiologically, women have five to ten percent more fat on their bodies than men do. This is related to the need women have for extra calories during child bearing and breast-feeding. Where normal body fat is distributed is also largely related to sex. Men have little fat on their hips and thighs and more at their waist, while women carry more normal body fat on their hips and thighs. Sometimes genetics overrides this generalization, and some women will have all of their normal fat centered in the abdomen and have very lean hips and thighs. Rarely, men will have normal fat distributed over their thighs and hips.

Both men and women can develop ‘beer belly’, ‘love handles’ or ‘muffin top’... at any age. These terms have been used recently to describe excess fat around the belly or midsection that overhangs the belt or waistline. Belly fat does not come from eating certain foods or drinking certain beverages, including alcoholic beverages. It comes from taking in too many calories. You cannot get rid of belly fat by eating or not eating certain foods. You also cannot use exercise to ‘spot reduce’ the fat. Abdominal exercises, like ‘core’ exercises, Pilates and sit-ups will build up your abdominal wall muscles and improve your posture, but they will not do anything to the fat. Likewise, lipo-suction can remove superficial fat, but will not have any effect on the more dangerous type of fat found around your abdominal organs. This kind of fat, called ‘visceral fat’ can increase your likelihood of having cardiovascular disease and diabetes.

‘Meno-pot’ or ‘meno-paunch’ is a term coined to describe the layer of fat around the belly that many women accumulate after going through menopause. While widely accepted as true, scientific studies are still conflicted about whether the decline in estrogen that occurs with menopause causes fat to be distributed more in the visceral or abdominal region. More precise studies are needed to measure intra abdominal fat (fat around the abdominal organs), not just the fat under the skin to determine whether this is a real phenomenon of menopause. Could this same dynamic be true of men as they go through middle age?

Is there anything wrong with carrying extra weight in your midsection? Well, yes! Abdominal obesity (waist circumference over 40 inches in males, or 35 inches in females) puts you in a high-risk group for cardiovascular disease, diabetes, polycystic ovary disease and several types of cancer. So, getting rid of your ‘gut’ is good. Having one is bad.

The best way to get rid of abdominal fat is to decrease your calorie intake. Note that I did not say ‘starve yourself’ or go on a diet or two. Smart eating is enough! This includes getting rid of refined foods and all sugary drinks and eating high quality foods that are rich in whole grains, multi-colored vegetables, healthy, unsaturated fats and lean protein. Because alcoholic drinks of any kind are ‘empty calories’, or calories without any nutritional benefit, cutting down or eliminating these will help too. Might I also suggest cutting down on or eliminating eating out? In addition to smart eating, re-learning your body signals for thirst and hunger will put you on the path to a naturally slim body.

While exercise alone will not eliminate fat or result in weight loss, it will help you maintain any weight you lose by cutting calories. The cardio component will also benefit your heart, blood pressure and bones. Aim for walking about 10,000 steps or more per day or doing a cardio work out of some type for 30 minutes five times a week. Change your exercise routine up a bit every month or two to keep your body from adapting its metabolic burn to the routine. Adding or maintaining muscle mass after age 40 (strength training) is a good addition and will prevent falls, osteoporosis and keep you pain free and active.

So, enjoy this season when the weather makes it more pleasant to get out and exercise. Try new, healthy ways of eating and lose that gut!!



**Convenient & Cost Cutting:
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Spring has arrived! Time to get out in the yard and do some planting, trimming, and sprucing up. Not being much of a gardener myself, and having a new property to maintain, I sought professional help from a Smoke Rise neighbor. Lyle Collins, founder and president of Southern Trillium landscape design firm based in Smoke Rise came to my aid.

Passionate, knowledgeable, and articulate, he walked our yard and made some recommendations. Before leaving, he shared with me the mobile phone app that allows him to control the sprinkler systems for his own home and the homes of at least 10 customers for whom he has that responsibility. Being more of a geek than a gardener, I was intrigued by the mobile app and decided to investigate further and devote this column to sharing what I learned about these new, remote control irrigation systems.

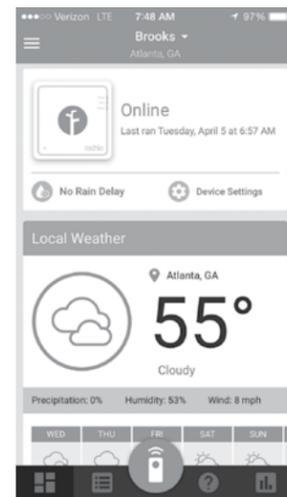
My research included interviews with Tucker irrigation firm Mystic Waters, studying articles in PC and Wired magazines, and reading Amazon reviews.

Most reviewers concluded that the Rachio Iro is the preferred product over the other two top contenders Skydrop and Blossom. All of these control systems seamlessly integrate with your home’s Wi-Fi, providing total sprinkler control from a smartphone or laptop. They use local and national weather data to determine when and how often the lawn should be watered, saving you money on water bills by not watering when it is or has been raining. If you are paying for water and sewer, this cost-saving feature can save you a lot of money. Another distinctive of the Rachio system is that it more easily enables a third party, like a spouse or contractor, to access and control the schedule.

Another feature to look for is the ability to display pictures of the various watering zones rather than just the designations, “Zone 1, Zone 2”, which makes it hard to remember what is getting watered. Easy to activate, you simply take a picture of the zone, upload the picture to the app and label it with a Zone number. If you do have problems with the Rachio, help is a toll free phone call away. Technicians are available to remotely access your system, investigate problems and resolve them without having to send someone out. Costs for these systems run \$150 to \$250 and about that same amount to install and program unless you are a Do It Yourselfer.

For Rainbird systems common in our area, they will have an upgrade coming in June that will perform most of the features these other early innovators have established as expectations. But it sounds like the upgrade is about the same cost of these other systems, and you always have to be leery of any first generations system.

Bottom line, these smart irrigation controllers make it easy and affordable to have beautiful, sustainable lawns and landscapes.



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**Mountain Shadow Garden Club
to Feature Stone Mountain
Propagation Project on May 9**

The meeting of Mountain Shadow Garden Club (MSGC) on Monday evening, May 9, will feature a program by Karen McCaustland, manager of plant stock in the Stone Mountain Propagation Garden. The Stone Mountain Propagation Project (SMPP) was established in 2007 as an adjunct to efforts of the Georgia Native Plant Society in rescuing native plants and providing plant material for restoration projects.

With facilities in Stone Mountain Park, volunteers have grown numerous varieties of native plants, shrubs, and vines from seeds and cuttings, experimenting with various plant propagation techniques. The group also assists with improvements within the Park.



Karen McCaustland

The presentation will be an overview of what volunteers have accomplished since the first seeds were sown in 2008, highlighting some of the projects supported within the Park. Ms. McCaustland will discuss volunteer opportunities and learning activities offered. A retired microbiologist, the speaker is an amateur botanist and native plant enthusiast. Like most volunteers in the project, she learned by doing, reading, experimenting, and sharing knowledge.

MSGC is open to men and women of all ages who enjoy learning about a diverse range of topics related to home landscapes, plants, and gardens. The meeting and program begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. in Founders Hall, Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 5801 Hugh Howell Road, Stone Mountain. Free. Refreshments and socializing follow.

For more information, contact club president Jeff Raines at (404) 641-8633.

**Mountain Mums Share
Spring Gardening Tips**

Because the Mountain Mums held their April meeting late in the month, (spring break), We thought we would share a few spring gardening tips from the Walter Reeves seasonal gardening calendar followed by our own comments. You can access the calendar on his website: www.walterreeves.com/seasonal-gardening-calendar.

1. If you want summer long color in your garden, plant begonias, coleus, geraniums, petunias and vinca. Be sure to check the sun conditions before you plant, and plant 'like with like'.
2. Prune leafless limbs from shade trees, sprouts from the base and lower trunk of crepe myrtles and prune azaleas that have just finished blooming.
3. Divide and move crowded irises that have just bloomed. Make sure some of the rhizome is exposed to light or you are planting the irises too deep.
4. Plant herbs such as rosemary, dill, oregano and basil in full sun.
5. Plant tomatoes deep. Add ten sheets of newspaper as mulch to prevent leaf diseases, then cover paper with pine straw.
6. Water between 10 pm and 10 am. to avoid evaporation... one inch of water per week for plants and lawn. An exception is container plants, which may need to be watered daily—when ever plants wilt or if soil is dry when you stick your finger in an inch.
7. Drill a small hole in the cap of a two-liter soda bottle. Fill the bottle, cap it and stick the cap end into the soil next to your patio or container plants. They will take a slow drink all day.



In May, the Mountain Mums Garden Club will hold their last garden club meeting of the season, until August of 2016. The meeting will be held at the home of Mary Jacobson. The Program will be about bog gardens. Watch the *Smoke Signal* for upcoming events taking place over the summer.

Smoke Rise Garden Club News

Our April meeting was held at Paula Adeoba's home. The drive to her house through the Smoke Rise neighborhoods was the highlight of the evening. As we arrived at Paula's we were fortunate to see a bank of pale blue miniature iris almost glowing in the semi dark. Paula had gotten them at our plant sale a few years back and they have filled in a border and compliment the azaleas, which have been glorious this year.

During the meeting we talked about our up coming plant sale. The proceeds help to contribute to beautification programs in our area. Also we get to know new neighbors and share our knowledge and plants with them. The plant sale was held on the 23rd of April at Smoke Rise Baptist Church on Hugh Howell Road. We also discussed the ongoing monarch/milkweed project launched by club member, Denise Finley. Milkweed is the favorite food source for the Monarch butterfly. Because of loss of breeding grounds and growth in the area, the butterflies' numbers are diminishing each year. Planting milkweed will help repopulate this beautiful



Left to right: Paula Adeoba, Penny Galpin, Pegg Clegg

butterfly. Of note is that a few years ago, one of our former members successfully headed a project to create a portion of the bluebird trail in the Smoke Rise community and blue birds are flourishing in our area once again. Hopefully, the milkweed project will be as successful!

May will be the last meeting this season until we meet again the 2nd Monday in September. For our May meeting we will be taking a field trip to the Arnold-Tedder House Oak Grove in Newnan as part of the Historic House and Garden Tour, sponsored by the Redbud District of the Garden Clubs of Georgia.

Annually, Edith Morton president of Smoke Rise Garden Club places a wreath on the Blue Star marker to remember Armed Forces Day. The marker is located at the Smoke Rise Elementary School. The wreath will be place on Saturday, the 21st of May. The Blue Star Memorial Program honors all men and women that serve in the United States Armed Services. This program began with the planting of 8,000 Dogwood trees by the New Jersey Council of Garden Clubs in 1944 as a living memorial to veterans of World War II. In 1945, the National Council of State Garden Clubs adopted this program and began a Blue Star Highway system that covers thousands of miles across the Continental United States, Alaska and Hawaii. A large metal Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker was placed at appropriate locations along the way. Memorial Markers and By-Way markers were added to the Highway Markers, to be used at locations such as National cemeteries, parks, veteran's facilities and gardens.

Smoke Rise Morning Glories Di-VINE Seminar on Clematis!

The Morning Glories had a wonderful treat for April's meeting with a lecture by Lyndy Broder, the International expert on clematis. Lyndy entertained us with lovely photos of over 400 varieties of clematis from her own property in Stockbridge GA and from gardens around the world. Her three acre garden features all types of clematis. She often allows the vines to intertwine with existing plants like hydrangeas or climb a tree – like the persimmon – or even grow as a ground cover to compliment daylilies or other perennials. The Morning Glories will be going on a field trip in May to see Lyndy's lovely garden at what might be the peak season for bloom.



Clematis varieties can bloom in every month of the year, even in the winter months. It is found in every continent on earth except for Antarctica and has three main species that are similar to hydrangeas. One group of Clematis only blooms on old wood or vine. The second group blooms both on old and new wood/vine. The third group only blooms on new wood/vine. Timing of pruning will depend on which category the vine falls.

In other club news, President Glendolyn Hallman reviewed upcoming events for the spring. Marsha Pittard circulated the hostess signup for the 2016-2017 club year. Carolyn Woodson and Glendolyn introduced the group to the "Million Pollinator Garden Challenge", encouraging members to register their gardens at www.millionpollinatorgardens.org. Marsha offered our Conservation Tip on the multiple ways we can save energy in our daily lives by recycling, reducing the thermostat, using the sun to warm us in winter and using blinds in the summer. Joy Zaidan reminded the club that the October Redbud District meeting will be held at the Smoke Rise Country Club and we will be the host club for that event. The keynote speaker will be Walter Reeves. More details will follow for that event and for the Yellow Daisy Standard Flower Show in September at Stone Mountain Park.

Many thanks to our hostesses Glendolyn Hallman, Melodie Janin, Susan Morrison and special helper, Betty Curlee. Mary Clark won the raffle of a charming garden sculpture.

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HODGE PODGE



By Marty Bryan

Spring is here and summer is just around the corner! I just love to eat outside and for some reason I find myself entertaining more during these months too. I have many cookbooks and cooking magazines and am one of those that tears out recipes from newspaper/magazines. But best of all, I like it when people share their recipes with me. Hopefully these recipes are new to you and you can enjoy them for your summer cookout. All of these have been taste tested by my husband.

Deviled Eggs a la Reesio

This was my dad's recipe and he even shared it in his Xmas cards one year. I have tried lots of egg recipes but I keep coming back to this sentimental one.

- 1 dozen boiled eggs
- 2 T mayonnaise
- 1 T wine vinegar
- 2 T mustard
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- 1 tsp parsley
- 1 tsp minced onion flakes
- dash monosodium glutamate (Accent)
- dash seasoned salt
- dash poultry seasoning
- dash salt
- dash Worcestershire sauce
- dash grated pepper

Peel eggs and cut into halves. Put yolks in bowl and mash with other ingredients. Fill halves and chill until ready to serve. May also add 4 strips well done crumbled bacon and chives to filling.

Dill Dip - My favorite to serve with veggies

- 1 c. mayonnaise
- 1 1/2 tsp seasoned salt
- 1 c sour cream
- 1 1/2 tsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1 1/2 T minced onion
- 1 1/2 tsp dill weed
- 2 T parsley

Mix all together and refrigerate.

Cajun Crackers

I had these in New Orleans one time and just had to have the recipe. I usually serve with cream cheese and hot pepper jelly.

- 1 box unsalted saltines
- 2 packages Ranch dressing mix
- 1 1/3 c canola oil
- 2 T red pepper flakes

Mix all in a large bowl and turn upside down every 15 minutes for 2 hours.

Mandarin Salsa

Too many good salsa recipes but this one is a little different. Serve with chips.

- 5 plum tomatoes, chopped
- 2 T minced fresh cilantro
- 1 large sweet onion, chopped
- 1 t salt
- 2 jalapeno peppers, seeded and chopped
- 1 t minced garlic
- 2 T sugar
- 15 oz can mandarin oranges, drained
- 2 T lime juice

Combine all. Drain. Chill and serve with tortilla chips.

Chinese Rollups

- 1 1/2 shredded coleslaw mix
- 2 t. sesame oil
- 1/2 c water chestnuts, finely chopped
- 4 T plum sauce, divided
- 1/4 c thinly sliced green onions
- 4-6 flour tortillas

Combine coleslaw mix, water chestnuts, onion and oil and 3 T plum sauce. Spread remaining tablespoon plum sauce evenly over tortillas. Spread 1/2 c coleslaw mixture on each tortilla to within 1/4 inch of edges. Roll tortillas up tightly and wrap each in plastic wrap. Chill at least 1 hour. Cut into 1-inch slices. Makes 24

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Stone Mountain Rotary Club

By L. A. Dixon

Stone Mountain Club is "For the Birds" in April

The Rotary Club of Stone Mountain held a meeting in April that was literally "for the birds." Brenda Bean from Parrot Productions was a guest speaker at the weekly member luncheon on April 5, bringing several representatives from her collection of parrots and other exotic birds. In her presentation, Brenda led her bird troupe through their paces, doing tricks and showing off their vocal skills in singing and impersonations, while also talking about the plight of many of the species and the world's rainforests where they live in the wild. Club members were invited after the presentation to come up and hold or pet the birds.



Also in April, a group from Friendship Force International, representing various non-profit organizations based in Georgia (the country), visited the club to learn more about Rotary International. The group was visiting Atlanta as part of FFI's cultural exchange program, with their goal to examine "best of" practices with various Georgia state-based NPOs. While here, the Georgian group learned that the Stone Mountain Club had sponsored in 1993 one of their acquaintances as an exchange student in the Georgia Rotary Student Program (GRSP).

In member news, Joe Donovan, Cape Securities, received the Paul Harris Award, This award acknowledges individuals who contribute, or have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

The Stone Mountain club meets every Tuesday for noon lunch at Smoke Rise Country Club; visitors and those interested in learning more about Rotary are welcome to attend. To learn more about the club and its upcoming programs, go to www.stonemountainrotary.org.