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from the staff of the
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"Tunes By the Tracks" is Back in Stone Mountain Village

Tunes by the Tracks, the popular indie music concert series, returns to Stone Mountain Village Friday May 4th and every Friday night in May, June, September, and October. Riding the rails of a successful three year run, "Tunes" delivers an outstanding musical offering of Georgia grown indie roots, blues, & Americana artists, foot tapping fun, and camaraderie together as friends and neighbors.



An interesting factoid: Tunes By the Tracks is, to date, the largest musical offering of its kind in metro Atlanta and, as far as we can tell, the state of Georgia.

"There is a pronounced 'I can't wait for "Tunes" to start back' buzz happening already. A genuine sense of place is burgeoning here and Tunes By the Tracks is key in this progress. We are thrilled seeing the excitement and are delighted to confirm it is back on tap for 2018." – Thom DeLoach, Stone Mountain DDA Board Member and Tune By the Tracks Organizing Panel Chair.



The concerts are free. The music goes on each Friday "come rain or come shine" and runs from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM in the municipal parking lot near the gazebo on Main Street Stone Mountain Village.

Don't forget your lawn chair! Beer, wine, and soft drinks are available to purchase. Proceeds go directly to keeping "Tunes By the Tracks" free to enjoy and exceptionally talented local indie artists onstage and trackside in the SMV.

Join us in the Village. You'll be delighted you did – guaranteed.

Always First Saturday in May

By Susan Gilbert

Growing up in Kentucky, the first Saturday in May is a big deal. That's because it's Derby Day! Also known as the "Run for the Roses[®]," it's been called the "most exciting two minutes in sports." And while the duration is short, the build up to it can be quite the festive occasion.



At my house, while the gentlemen made plans for wagering, the ladies polished up the mint julep glasses, donned lovely hats and prepared our favorite Kentucky dish: Hot Browns! Consisting of toast layered with turkey and ham, smothered in cheese sauce and topped with bacon and a slice of ripe tomato all broiled to bubbling perfection.

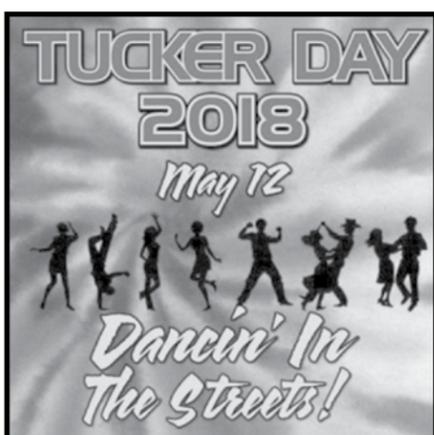
Almost as important as the race itself are the pre-race traditions, particularly singing "My Old Kentucky Home," just prior to the start. Most people don't know all the words, so voices get a bit muted after the first two lines, but they spring back to life when we get to the chorus "weep no more my ladies," which everyone seems to know. Be sure to STAND during the singing of My Old Kentucky Home. It's tradition.

Beyond being the reason for a party, the Derby has a history, popularity, and rich traditions few American sporting events can match. Did you know it's the longest running sporting event in the country? Beginning in 1875, it has run uninterrupted for 143 years, even through the Great Depression and both World Wars. This year will be the 144th running of the Derby.

It all began in 1872 when Meriwether Lewis Clark, grandson of William Clark of Lewis and Clark fame, crossed the pond to Europe and saw the Epsom Derby in England. He also enjoyed the French Jockey Club and returned to Louisville inspired and determined to replicate both a spectacle horse race and a Jockey Club experience.

Needing financial help to fulfill his dream, he turned to his uncles John and Henry Churchill who gave him the land for the racetrack and helped him organize a group of local racing enthusiasts into the Louisville Jockey Club. The Club members raised money to build the permanent racetrack now well known as Churchill Downs. The track opened on May 17th, 1875, and the Club sponsored the first Kentucky Derby. With a field of fifteen three-year-old thoroughbreds racing 1.5 miles, cheered on by an estimated crowd of 10,000 spectators, Aristides won the first Kentucky Derby.

NBC TV coverage begins Saturday, May 5 at 2:30 p.m. The race is set to start at 6:46 p.m. As of mid-April, Bolt d'Oro is the favorite, but Justify, Audible, and Mendelssohn are names to watch. Happy Derby Day!



Tucker Day
Saturday, May 12
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Tucker Day begins at 9 a.m. with the opening ceremony including Pledge of Allegiance, Presentation of Colors and the National Anthem.

The human powered parade kicks off at 10 a.m. Stay for food, great entertainment, crafts and merchandise!

SRCA Annual Membership Meeting

By Michael Huerkamp

The SRCA annual membership meeting was held on the evening of March 27 before a relatively small crowd in the Fellowship Hall of Smoke Rise Baptist Church with President Mike Huerkamp presiding. Features of the meeting included election of Kim Nesbitt and Beverley Ojo to the board, joining Treasurer Anna Ogletree, Lyle Collins, Jenna Greene, Pam Heisler, Lori Jones, Lisa Khemani, Kalpana Patel, Virginia Rece, Eileen Stone, Moira Waldron and Mike, and with a special thanks to Jon Gravitt, who exited his service mid-term and was replaced by Ryan Tidwell-Davidson. Recognized for Good Guy Awards were Georgia Lord (for parks engagement), Jim Sedlak (for outstanding assistance with the community garden), and Ryan Tidwell-Davidson (Smoke Rise's very own weather forecaster).

Invited guests Mayor Auman and Council Members Rosenfeld and Soltys provided updates and engaged in lively discussions with the attendees. While Senator Henson could not attend, his wife, Beth Henson delivered a brief update on his behalf. There were also membership appeals put forth from the Smoke Rise Country Club and our 3 neighborhood pools.

A brief review of 2017 featured a look back at the

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May Calendar of Events

- 5 Kentucky Derby
Cinco de Mayo
- 5 ARTtucker: 10:00 a.m. Tucker Recreation Center
- 11-20 The Curious Savage: Tucker Recreation Center
Various times
- 12 Tucker Day: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- 13 Mother's Day
- 19 THS Garden Tour: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- 21-26 Garden Enthusiast Silent Auction
Benefiting Browning Courthouse

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School Welcomes Interim Director

Smoke Rise Baptist Weekday School is pleased to welcome the Rev. Deborah Reeves as Interim Director. She is available to give tours and to accept registrations for the 2018-19 school year. Please call: 678-533-0558.



Smoke Rise Baptist Church Music Ministry

Smoke Rise Baptist Church Children Choristers will present the musical *Table for Five Thousand* (The Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes) on Sunday, May 6 at 4:00 PM in the church's fellowship hall. The event is free and open to the public. Come and hear the wonderful message of how small things can make a big difference.

"Yonder" Gospel Music with a Heavenly Theme will be presented by the Smoke Rise Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir on Wednesday, May 16 in the church's chapel.

BRING A BOOK - TAKE A BOOK

Don't forget to check out the Little Libraries that have popped up near the swim clubs.



Smoke Rise Baptist Church

Dr. Chris George, Senior Pastor
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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
 Wednesdays:
 5:00-5:45 Fellowship Dinner
 6:00-7:00 Programs for children, youth and adults
 7:00-8:30 Sanctuary choir
 Nursery provided

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Respite Care Center Hours: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday

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 9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
 10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary - nursery provided
 5:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship
 Communion: First Sunday of each month
 Wednesdays:
 5:45 p.m. Join us for dinner! - \$5 per adult
 6:30 p.m. Program
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

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www.mc3.life

MC3 Church launched on Easter Sunday. Hours are:

Sundays: 8:30 a.m. Coffee/ Doughnuts/ Fellowship
 9:30 a.m. Life Group Classes - Adults & Children
 10:30 a.m. Worship

First Wednesday 5:30 p.m. Family meal and worship service
 All other Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. -- Life Groups on campus

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 11:00 a.m. Worship
 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Time

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www.mwchurch.com
 4818 Hugh Howell Rd., Stone Mountain
 Service Times: 8:30 a.m. | 10:15 a.m. | 12:00 p.m.

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Smoke Rise Country Club Welcomes Everyone to Our Summer Fun Camps!

Membership is Not Required to Attend our Summer Camps!

Many families are looking for Summer Camps this year and we have action packed camps available right here at the Club. These Camps include Tennis, Golf and Overall Sports Camps. Each Camp wraps up each day with Swim Time at our very own Pool Complex. These salt-water pools offer so much fun with our pool slide, large main pool, kiddie pools. Snacks and lunch are available for the Kids as well!

Your Children will love all the fun they will have at the Club. All of our camps are led by our professional staff. Our Golf and Tennis Pro's are ready to engage with your children and the benefits are boundless! As your children learn hand eye coordination, sportsmanship, exercise skills and best of all... have fun!

For more details on our Summer Camp Programs and all the other benefits your family can experience as Club Members – Give us a call to take a tour and learn more about our current special offer ending soon! 770-908-2582 ext. 5 for Camp Information or 770-908-2582 ext. 4 for Membership

Boy Scout Troop 876 News

by Nate Young, Troop 876 Historian

In March, Boy Scout Troop 876 went to Bert Adams Scout Reservation in Covington. The scouts joined in competitions with other troops to win awards. The scouts tried their best at every part of the competition and their work paid off. The troop earned 1st place in three different activities of the competition! The scouts were thrilled with their work and how it eventually paid off. Overall the scouts had a great time and can't wait to do it again next year.



The troop also participated in a service project called scouting for food. This is where scouts pass bags around neighborhoods, and people put canned goods in. The scouts then collect these bags and give them to Lilburn Co-op-- who gives them to people who need it most. The scouts collected over 1,400 food items and an estimated amount of \$3,500. That is a lot of food!

If you would like to join us on fun trips like this, stop by one of our troop meetings at Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 5801 Hugh Howell Rd. on Mondays at 7:30 p.m., or check out our website www.bsatroop876.com.

**Are You An Adult Who Loves Sports?
Join one of four Tucker summer sports leagues!**

This from the City Of Tucker Website:

Tucker's Parks and Recreation Department is bringing four new adult sports leagues to the City beginning in June. The City of Tucker and ZogSports will team up to offer coed kickball, softball and volleyball leagues, as well as a basketball league for men.

"We've worked really hard to improve programming for our children and seniors, but we didn't forget about our young professionals," says Parks and Recreation Director Rip Robertson. "These leagues should provide a fun outlet for adults to get their competitive juices flowing, while also helping to build a sense of community here in Tucker."

The softball league will play games on Wednesday and Thursday nights at Kelley Cofer Park beginning on June 6. Kickball will be played at Henderson Park Thursdays starting on June 7. The volleyball and men's basketball leagues will start in July, with registration opening later this spring.

Competitors can register for these leagues as individuals or as teams. Go to the tuckerga.gov website and search for adult summer sports leagues.



More info and registration on SmokeRiseSharks.com
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May 7: Practice Begins
May 29: First Meet
June 27: County Divisional
June 30: State Finals

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Congratulations, Smoke Rise Division Champs!

Smoke Rise Country Club congratulates the Senior Mixed Tennis ALTA Team captained by Eddie Still of Spencer's Mountain for winning the B-7 division this winter. They advanced to the semi-finals in ALTA playoffs before losing to the champion of the division.

Speaking of Tennis, we welcome your children to come join our amazing tennis, sports and golf camps scheduled for this summer. Currently over 70 children are in our juniors tennis program and we keep them engaged, interested in sports, and best of all, we make it fun!

This summer will be action packed at Smoke Rise and we invite you to learn more about our summer camps and current, limited-time, membership specials by contacting membership at 770-908-2582 ext. 4 or email at hmcdaniel@smokerisecc.com Suzy Ihnat, Director of Tennis, Smoke Rise Country Club.



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Summer Fun at Smoke Rise Academy of the Arts

Classes begin May 1 and run throughout the summer

The Smoke Rise Academy of the Arts will offer a diverse variety of summer classes, providing instruction in various arts including drama, music, dance and painting.

Drama classes

May 7 - September 15

The elementary class will meet weekly on Mondays from 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. and the teen class will meet 7:15 - 8:30 p.m.

Under consideration is WILLIE WONKA or SINGING IN THE RAIN for the teen production: August 24 - 26; and Disney's LITTLE MERMAID Jr. for the elementary production on September 14-16.

Musikgarten Family Music

June - days and times TBD

Musikgarten classes bring parents together with their children ages 1-5 for a curriculum providing enriched early training in rhythm, dance and singing. Class time includes rhythm instruments, dancing to the music, singing and clapping to the children's favorite tunes.

Music Makers at the Keyboard

June - days and times TBD

SRAA will offer 5 keyboard classes in June for children ages 6-9. This is an introductory class for the 32 week fall/spring class.

Dance Camps

June 11, 13 and 15 / July 23, 25 and 27

Ages 5 - 7: 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Ages 8 - 13: 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Instruction is offered in ballet, tap, jazz, hip-hop and lyrical.

Summer Arts Camp

July 9-13, 2018 - 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Ages: 5 - 12

Activities include: Rhythm experience through drum circles, Orff instruments and rhythm cups, explorations through Nature's Music, beginner Ukulele, building dulcimers, exploring the organ and organ chambers, hand chimes, art, dance, acting on stage, and more.

In addition to summer camps, SRAA offers individual instruction in a variety of arts disciplines, including music, dance and painting.

Details and registration for all classes can be found at www.smokerisebaptist.org/arts or by calling Denise Burcham at (678) 533-0562.

Main Street Theatre Spring Production "Curious Savage" May 11-20

In John Patrick's endearing and delightful comedy, *The Curious Savage*, we meet the lovable residents of The Cloisters, a comfortable sanatorium for the troubled. Enter blue-haired Mrs. Savage and her giant teddy bear that never leaves her side. Following the death of her dear husband, her stepchildren have committed her in an effort to acquire control of the family fortune. Mrs. Savage has other plans for the money - she is starting a fund that allows people to follow their dreams. As the hunt for the fortune intensifies, the residents come to the aid of their new friend. This show lampoons our modern day love of wealth and fame. Sad to say we haven't changed much since the play premiered in 1950. Where is the money? Well, you'll just have to come find out for yourself!

Tucker Recreation Center
www.tuckertheatre.com

DeKalb History Center: High Noon History

History of Decatur Square Walking Tour every Friday in May 12:00 P.M.

Free for members, \$3 all others

www.dekalbhistorycenter.org

Community Chorus

Tucker has a Community Chorus led by Ann Edmondson. Rehearsals are held at Atlanta First Christian Church in Tucker. Come and join us on Tuesdays from 7-8:00 P.M. We will be starting again on May 15.. For Information call Jack Sartain 770-856-1377 or email jbs5951@aol.com

Tucker Cofer Library and the Southeastern Photographic Society
"Members Choice" Exhibit
May 5th through late July
Opening reception is on May 26
1:30 - 3:30 pm

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IN THE GALLERIES



Three exhibits opened with a reception on April 21.

In the Main Gallery: *Peace by Piece*, with juried work from the Atlanta Collage Society and the SE Fiber Alliance;

In the Trolley Stop Gallery; Atlanta Fine Arts League will exhibit *5 Elements*, a unique theme with a touch of mystery;

The landing gallery: Our 2nd annual show of work by students at the DeKalb School of the Arts.



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"Funmingo" at Mountain Creek Swimming Pool
By Gretchen Brechin

Did you see the big pink flamingo on top of the tent at the Tucker Chili Cook Off? Then you met the Mountain Creek Swim Club "Funmingo." Funmingo will be hosting afternoon kids' games every Sunday at 3:00 pm. Mountain Creek has had many different kids' activities. The boat races are the kids' most favorite! Imagine three inflatable boats... two kids in each boat... using only their hands to make it across the pool! If their competitors have water in their boat, it slows them down. Guess how the water gets in their boat? Adults watch with envy, wishing they could participate!



Mountain Creek Swim Club started this year celebrating holidays! In March, the bunnies returned for spring-time Easter pictures*Memorial Day *Fourth of July "Christmas-in-July" July 15 *"Luau" August 5 *Trick-or-Treat in August * Labor Day cookout!

Kids aren't the only ones who have fun at Mountain Creek Swim Club though. Three days a week (Monday, Wednesday and Saturday) join the fun and get exercise with water aerobics! Since it is too hot to take an evening walk, join the "Pool Walking" group. Put on a bathing suit, come to the pool, socialize with your friends, and exercise!

For more information go to: mountaincreekswimclub.com.

In March, Tucker City Councilman (and Smoke Rise resident) Bill Rosenfeld volunteered to deliver meals to some Tucker residents in Meals on Wheels "March for Meals," its annual fundraising and awareness campaign. Bill worked with Senior Connections, DeKalb County's Meals on Wheels provider, which prepares and delivers over 15,000 nutritious meals to area seniors "aging in place" in their own homes; the Tucker resident shown was one of his deliveries.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR FRIDAY, MAY 25TH



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Madison in May Tour of Homes

Join the DHC for an out-of-town "DeKalb Traveler" excursion to historic Madison for the famous Madison in May Spring Tour of Homes, - and leave the driving to us! Your day will include the tour of homes, boxed lunch, plus sightseeing beautiful Madison at your own pace. We will travel by chartered bus; lunch and admission fees are included.

Saturday, May 5, 2018
9:00 AM- 5:00 PM
Tickets:
Member \$65
Non Member \$80
Prices go up April 21st!
Questions?
Contact Marissa
(404) 373-1088 ext 20



Plan a Staycation Right Here in Smoke Rise!

A vacation without arduous planning or strenuous travel? An epic summer to remember? Looking for fun in the sun, live music, cookouts and cook-offs, movies under the stars, just a fun time, packed with entertainment? The Smoke Rise Bath & Racquet Club is the place.

Days are getting warmer, the afternoons longer and in few weeks school is out for summer. Blue skies and hot sunny days, and while others push their noisy lawnmowers and wrestle with their string trimmers, you'll go to the pool, refresh in the crystal-clear water and kick back with friends and family enjoying a cool beverage or an icy popsicle---if you're a member of the Smoke Rise Bath & Racquet Club---that is.

Grab your swimsuit, lather up with sun screen, pack a cooler and maybe something to throw on the grill and come on out. It's a vacation in the neighborhood all summer long. For very little money, you'll find a host of things to do and fun to be had. There is no other swim and tennis community in Smoke Rise that has more to offer.

- A full swim and tennis membership for the whole family is \$375
- First time memberships are available for only \$250.00 for the whole family
- Other arrangements are also available

Check out the club's Facebook page at facebook.com/srbrccommunity/ or go to the website at SRBRC.org.

The pool opens on May 19 and the club will jump into summer fun with a huge splash you definitely don't want to miss. Mark your calendar and reserve June 2 for a huge Opening Party with entertainment, Live Music and BBQ and cold drinks.

The event is open to members and non-members. So go ahead, grab your friends and neighbors and bring them too! Again, if you have never been a member, the club offers \$250 memberships for newcomers. What a way to get your feet wet.

Complete the flyer in this edition of the Smoke Signal, enclose your payment and become a member. You will not regret it.

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Woman's Club Installs New Officers

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The Stone Mountain Woman's Club meets the second Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. except June, July and August. The Night Guild of the club meets the third Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are at the clubhouse at 5513 E. Mountain St., Stone Mountain.

If you are interested in being a part of a service organization for women, please contact Brenda Price, 678-333-6685.



George Ann Hoffman, Shari Carter, Martha Decker, Brenda Price, Kathy Gallo, Jackie Cornett, Sharon Matheny

Silent Auction to Benefit Browning Courthouse

The Garden Enthusiast – Backyard Nature Station on Main Street in Tucker will hold one more silent auction in 2018 for one week only from May 21 through 26. This auction will benefit Browning Courthouse at 4898 Lavista Road which is located on the front lawn of the Tucker Recreation Center.

Historic Browning Courthouse is the only standing building of its kind in the county. The old courthouse has stood as a prominent Tucker landmark since 1860 when it was built and established as a DeKalb County Circuit Court for Browning's Militia District #572, long before our area was known as Tucker. The courthouse ceased operation on January 1, 1977 when the office of Justice of the Peace moved to the Cofer building. In 1988, the courthouse, now a small museum, was dedicated to Tucker's past, present and future.



We have been working with the Tucker Historical Society and their 'Drop in the Bucket Counts' campaign for the exterior preservation of the Courthouse. Proceeds from the auction will go toward reaching the \$16,000 goal to accomplish this.

Auction items include gift certificates for a private tour of the Cofer Antique Car Collection, a catered dinner in your home for 6, an acrylic painting of the Browning Courthouse by local artist Louise Georges, Cricket Forge pieces, birdbath, birdhouse, garden art, wall art, wind chimes, and much, much more.

We will continue to take auction items through May 12. If you would like to donate an item, please call Linda at 404-474-7072.

The Garden Enthusiast has raised over \$20,770 during the last five years for the Tucker Butterfly Garden, Henderson Park Native Plant and Wildlife Walk, John's Homestead, and Kelly Cofer Park.

Plan to stop by The Garden Enthusiast, place a bid or two, and support this one of a kind courthouse in DeKalb County. And, as always, we'll keep you informed during the week to let you know if you've been outbid!

The Garden Enthusiast, 2316 D Main Street, Tucker, GA 30084, 404-474-7072
Monday – Friday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Stone Mountain CID Road News

The Stone Mountain Community Improvement District (CID) announced that previously approved turn lane additions to Mountain Industrial Boulevard and Hugh Howell Road have finally come up for review. DeKalb County and the City of Tucker will be receiving quotes and designs of the project soon. In addition, the Highway 78/Mountain Industrial Boulevard interchange has been approved by the CID for a Diverging Diamond design. Additional studies must be done, before the design becomes reality.

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techtalk *by Susan Gilbert* **Uber App to the Rescue!**

The story goes that Mr. Wells, a wealthy executive from New York City, drove his brand new Mercedes Benz to Miami where he was leaving on a two-week cruise. Upon his arrival, he stopped in a local bank and asked for a \$1,000 loan. The banker replied, "I'd love to help you out Mr. Wells, but you don't have an account with us, nor do we know you, so we can't give you a loan." Looking surprised, Wells thought for a moment, then, pointing to his shiny black \$150,000 Mercedes parked out front, offered to leave it as collateral. The banker pondered the risk in that, then took his car keys, and made the loan.

Two weeks later, the executive returned to pick up his car and repay the loan plus \$50 interest. The banker was waiting for him with a question. "Mr. Wells, we did some checking on you while you were away and found you are an extremely wealthy man. You didn't need to come to our bank to borrow \$1,000, so why did you do that? To which Mr. Wells responds, "Where else in Miami can you park a brand new \$150,000 Mercedes for two weeks and be certain it will be taken care of for \$50?"

The reason this story came back to me now is we just returned from taking a boat out of St. Petersburg for two weeks of cruising the west coast of Florida. Arriving at the marina after the drive from Atlanta, we loaded our gear onto the boat, then drove to the parking garage specified by the boat rental agent in Annapolis. Once there, we parked and excitedly walked about 10 blocks back to the boat.

Upon returning to the marina 14 days later, we thought we could retrace our steps to the garage, but not having the name of the garage or even the cross street names, we roamed St. Pete for hours. The rental agent wasn't reachable and nobody we asked along the way could help us with our limited description of the location. Exhausted, I used my Uber app to summons a driver who quickly picked us up and drove us around street by street until we spotted our garage. It was the best \$7.00 I ever spent.

St. Pete is a lovely city for a walking tour with its brick streets and quaint, eclectic shops. However, it's not enjoyable with the stress of not knowing if you are ever going to find your car! Next trip, I'll make my first stop the local bank and make sure to get its name and street address.



HEALTH NOTES:

by Cheri Schneider, M.D.

Advanced Care Directives: End of Life Planning and The Living Will

If you have ever been to the Emergency Room, hospital or even your doctor's office for a procedure or test, you have been given a sheaf of papers to sign indicating that you were advised of your rights to have an 'Advanced Care Directive' (ACD). Most of us just sign the papers without even looking at them. This month, I would like to tell you what these papers could mean to you or your loved ones.

Most people have heard the term 'living will'. A living will is a legally binding document that describes what kind of medical treatment or interventions you want to receive if you are terminally ill, in a persistent vegetative state or have an end stage disease. The living will is only one type of Advanced Care Directive. The living will takes effect when you become terminally ill. The document may cover topics such as "Do I wish to be resuscitated?"; "Do I want to be artificially fed or receive intravenous fluids when I am dying?"; "Do I want to be put on a ventilator when it may artificially prolong my life?"; "Do I want to have my pneumonia treated when I only have a few days to live?" "Do I want to be transported to the hospital if I worsen?" or "Do I only want to receive 'comfort care'- pain meds and medications to ease breathing as I die?" The living will is legal once it is signed and witnessed. It takes effect only when you are unable to make your own decisions. Any patient can change their living will at any time if they are of sound mind.

Another type of Advanced Care Directive is called a medical power of attorney, health care proxy or durable medical power of attorney. These documents are usually state specific, meaning that each state may have slightly different legal requirements. These types of ACD are kept in the medical record and can be updated at your request. The medical power of attorney or health care proxy allows you to appoint someone - known as a proxy - to speak for and to make healthcare decisions for you, if you are unable to communicate your wishes. In a sense, these documents let you plan - ahead of time - what you would want done in case of a catastrophic situation such as a car wreck, massive stroke, massive heart attack, brain injury, coma or any condition that would render you unable to communicate or make decisions. It is legal only when a physician has declared you incompetent or unable to make medical decisions. The ACD forms are usually several pages long, covering specific scenarios you might potentially encounter. You initial the medical 'choice' you think you would make in that specific situation. When (if) the time comes, the proxy is legally responsible to indicate your wishes, acting on your behalf as if they were you! As you can see, it is extremely important that you choose your proxy carefully. Most patients use a nearby family member or someone they trust. Most ACD forms have a place for an alternate proxy if the first choice is unavailable or unwilling to serve. Your doctor or healthcare provider cannot be a proxy in most states.

Finally, A DNR or Do Not Resuscitate Order is not technically an Advanced Directive. It is an agreement made between the doctor and you (or your health care proxy) to not begin CPR if you stop breathing or your heart stops beating. The DNR order is placed on your chart or displayed in your home. Once the order is signed, the family cannot override it. This helps insure that your wishes are followed once the extended family arrives and begins to enter the often emotionally charged situation.

Many of us are living in the 'sandwich generation', somewhere between our children and aging parents. Putting an Advanced Healthcare Directive in place not only makes good sense for your parents; it makes good sense for you! Georgia now has one single document called the Georgia Advance Directive for Healthcare that combines the living will and the medical durable power of attorney. Google search for Georgia Advance Directive for Healthcare for this four part document and fill it out today!

Arbor Day At Eastminster Preschool

In 1872, J. Sterling Morton first proposed a tree planting holiday – Arbor Day – at a meeting of Nebraska's State Board of Agriculture. The date was set for April 10, 1872, and it was estimated that more than one million trees were planted throughout the state on that first Arbor Day. Arbor is now celebrated in all 50 states and in more than 40 countries around the world.

At Eastminster Presbyterian Preschool, we celebrated Arbor Day 2018 by planting a beautiful pink dogwood. We want to inspire children to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees and the natural world. We enjoy taking nature walks, planting herbs and flowers, and learning how a tiny seed grows!

We are currently accepting applications for Fall 2018 at Eastminster Presbyterian Preschool! For more information please call 678-507-7584 or visit www.eastminster.us/preschool. We also are on Facebook at Eastminster Presbyterian Preschool.



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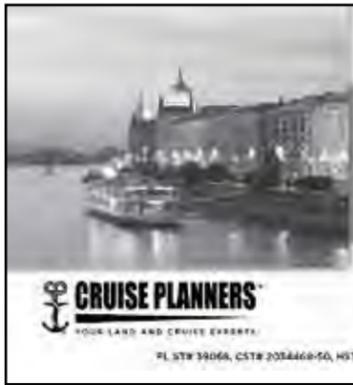
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Stone Mountain and Tucker Rotary Clubs

DeKalb County is home to nine Rotary clubs - Brookhaven, Decatur, Dunwoody, Emory / Clifton, Emory / Druid Hills, North Atlanta, Stone Mountain, South DeKalb, and Tucker -- two of which serve the Smoke Rise community. Several years ago, these nine clubs joined together to form the DeKalb Rotary Council, under which the member clubs work together to share ideas and resources and also to develop and manage joint projects that span the county.

In March, the DeKalb Rotary Council met in Decatur at the Old Courthouse for its annual Awards Breakfast, where each club recognized individual members for their contributions exemplifying "Service Above Self" in their community and in the world. Receiving the William M. Mulkey "Shows Rotary Cares" award from the Rotary Club of Tucker was Decatur State Farm agent Wayne Gresham; the Rotary Club of Stone Mountain honored *Smoke Signal* staff columnist Virginia Hall with the award.



Smoke Signal staff writer Virginia Hall (center) with Stone Mountain's William M. Mulkey "Show Rotary Cares" award with current DeKalb Rotary Council chairman Mike Emanuele and former chairman Jennie Stipick

At the breakfast, each of the DeKalb clubs also named a "Teacher of the Year" from their respective communities. Tucker honored Christine Mayfield, family and consumer sciences teacher and Family, Career and Community Leader of America (FCCLA) advisor at Tucker Middle School. Stone Mountain awarded Lena Hightower-Jones, Fourth / Fifth Grade teacher and Success for All (SFA) school facilitator at Stone Mountain Elementary.

The Stone Mountain Club meets every Tuesday for noon lunch in the fellowship hall of Stone Mountain First United Methodist Church; the Tucker Club meets the second and fourth Thursday at The Magnolia Room in Tucker. Visitors and those interested in learning more about Rotary are welcome to attend as a guest of either club. To learn more about the clubs and their upcoming programs, go to stonemountainrotary.org or tuckerrotary.org, or follow the clubs on Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter.

Lipphardt Receives Military Honor

In March, Smoke Rise resident and former U.S. Army Captain Alfred J. Lipphardt was inducted into the United States Army Officer Candidate School (OCS) Hall of Fame.



The ceremony was held at the National Infantry Museum at Fort Benning, Georgia. Making the presentation to Lipphardt (right) is Brigadier General Phillip Jones, US Army (retired). The OCS Hall of Fame honors graduates of the federal Army Officer Candidate School who have distinguished themselves in military or civilian pursuits. The Hall of Fame is an elite group that includes many notable and prestigious graduates, such as former Vice President Bob Dole and General Tommy Franks, former Commander of the U.S. Central Command.

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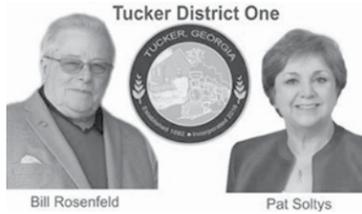



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May Tucker City Council Update

Bill Rosenfeld & Pat Soltys



April has been a busy month as the council prepared the fiscal year 2019 budget. Our city is financially healthy but we must be prudent with our spending as there never seems to be enough for everything that would be great for the city.

We are also voting to accept our first comprehensive plan. This was a lot of work for many people and while there was a lot desired that is not necessarily in the plan, it is a starting place for the city. We are required to have a comprehensive plan. It should be understood that it is a guideline and a living document that will see changes, modifications and definitions as we move forward.

Parks have been a big part of the focus this year as everything had to be put in place to manage all of the parks, resources and opportunities brought to the city. For a quick look at progress, go to the Rec Center and see what a difference has already been made.

The street survey has identified the worst streets in the city and now a plan is being put in place on how to address the needs so that we get the most for our money.

There is still a lot of development activity and zoning changes coming for the council. This is an important part of the maturation of a city. We will see a lot of change and at the same time retain the character that makes our communities special.

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successful document shredding and candidate forum events as well as the attempts to keep Smoke Rise informed of the developments and city dealings in association with the Sears property. The latter included 17 various SRCA board engagements with the developer and city leaders and planners.

Mike Huerkamp reported the finances of the association to be of such strength that the board approved a deficit budget for 2018. In 2018 there will be an emphasis on reviving the community garden and concentrating on enhancing floral color at our most public smoke stacks. Other projects include pursuing a new sign for the school, the annual shredding event on April 21, assisting with the reinvigoration of the Friends of Smoke Rise Parks, and sponsorship of the Walk to Remember, THS Foundation Golf Tournament, Smoke Rise Sharks, the Stone Mountain Women's Club Holiday Tour of Homes. The SRCA anticipates another candidate forum in the fall. As always, we are thankful for your dues.

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By Susan Gilbert, Staff Writer

Cleaning the windows is at the top of most people's most undesirable house-keeping tasks. While we love them for the light and views they provide, cleaning them is hard work and dangerous, especially if you have to use a ladder for the job. For years, I just didn't do mine, but when it came time to sell my home, my realtor suggested I contact Paul Valenta who advertises his window cleaning services in the Smoke Signal. Paul quickly got that job done! Seeing what a difference it made, I had him do the ones on my new home. Now I am a regular annual customer and look so forward to the date each spring he comes to make all the windows crystal clear again.

Originally from Chicago, Paul's first jobs were in manufacturing. After eighteen years, feeling inconsistencies in the corporate world, he decided it was time to find a more personally fulfilling career. In his words...



I chose to go out on my own and create a small independent business for myself. Little did I know what a true gift I was given. I absolutely love what I do and I am grateful for each and every day. I have the privilege to meet so many interesting and wonderful people along the way. I'm continuously rewarded through the interactions with my clients and hope that I impact them on some small level in a positive manor as well.

Since starting my business, I have always believed that without the client...I have no business. My goal has always been to be the best at what I do through my attention to detail, being careful and conscientious in and around your home, making sure that the client is genuinely satisfied, and more importantly, by creating authentic connections. The longer I have been in business, the more I realize that I am really in the people business. What I have learned over the years is that I have the potential to impact people's lives by the energy I bring into their homes. If I can make someone's day just a little bit brighter, then I have had a successful day. This business allows me to work independently, free from the stress of the corporate environment, and work outdoors in the sunshine all while staying physical fit. I don't take a second of it for granted and am always in a constant state of gratitude throughout my day.

Paul's Recommendation: "To maintain your home, I recommend having your windows cleaned on an annual basis. Other times to have your windows done is when you are selling your home, having an event, doing spring cleaning or it's just been a long time since you have had them cleaned. It really makes a significant difference on the overall "feel" of your home. Windows get dirty gradually and most people don't even realize that they need to have them cleaned until they can no longer see through them. In addition to safely and effectively cleaning windows, I also clean chandeliers, interior and exterior light fixtures, ceiling fans and mirrors...all those hard to reach items."

"I have been servicing the Smoke Rise community for over 15 years now and can safely say that it is equivalent to about half of my business. If you are already an existing client, I truly thank you for your kindness, friendship, support, and referrals over the years. You are the ones I credit for my success in this business. I look forward to many more years of interaction as well as maintaining your home."

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NEWS YOU CAN USE

By Aviva Hoffmann

Another Look at DeKalb’s Recycling Program

It’s a small thing that creates big results... participating in DeKalb County’s curbside recycling program. If you receive garbage pickup from DeKalb’s Sanitation Division, you’re eligible to participate in the Residential Recycling Program. This program is easy to join and to use! All acceptable, recyclable materials go into one county-approved recycling container – placed at your curb on collection day. Sorting recyclable material is NOT required!

The county has put together a lot of information on its website about the “why” and “how” of its many sanitation collection services. Be sure to check out the site at: www.dekalbsanitation.com.

Meanwhile, here are the highlights of the newest changes to the Residential Recycling Program:

Two recycling container options became available in September 2017. A standard, 35-gallon recycling roll cart has replaced the 18-gallon recycling bin and the 40-gallon recycling bags. (You can continue to use 40-gallon recycling bags until your inventory is fully depleted.) A 65-gallon recycling roll cart upgrade option is available (for a one-time \$15.00 fee). If you are a new recycling subscriber, you will receive a complimentary 35-gallon roll cart after you enroll – or you can pay the one-time fee to receive the bigger, 65-gallon roll cart for recycling.

If you still have an 18-gallon blue bin, DeKalb’s Sanitation Division will service it for now, but you need to trade it in for a 35- or 65-gallon roll cart by the end of this year (deadline extended to December 28, 2018). The bins are being “recycled” – or repurposed – for use in the DeKalb County School District’s recycling program.

Also, you’ve likely heard about a change in the county’s recycling procedures for glass. The county has stopped accepting glass in its curbside, single-stream, recycling program. The county made those changes to ensure residents’ glass will be processed in a responsible and environmentally friendly way. To help residents effectively participate, DeKalb County has set up several sites that accept glass food and beverage containers.

All glass items intended for recycling must be separated from other recyclable materials and taken to one of the locations where county-operated containers receive these items. Probably the most convenient location for Smoke Rise residents is Fire Station 22 at 1859 Montreal Road, Tucker, GA 30084. Look for the container in the front area, to the right of the building. For a complete list of DeKalb County’s glass drop-off locations, procedures, and what types of glass are accepted, go online to www.dekalbsanitation.com.

Although not ideal, residents who do not want to sort their glass and drop it off at a recycling center should throw it away with the rest of the non-recyclable trash.

Requests for recycling roll carts can be submitted by mail, email, online, or in person at the Sanitation Division’s administrative office. A recycling subscription form is available online and must be completed for all roll cart requests. Recycling bin trade-ins are processed at the Sanitation Division’s administrative office, 3720 Leroy Scott Drive, Decatur, GA 30032, Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Residents also have the option to attend one of several roll cart exchange events. The list of roll cart exchange events, with dates/times/and locations can be found online at the sanitation web site. (Look for the “Recycling Events” link.)

These recycling container changes provide subscribers with more durable and practical recycling container options and support the Sanitation Division’s move toward safer and more efficient recycling collection using fully automated collection vehicles. More than 87,000 of the Sanitation Division’s 150,000+ households serviced are subscribed to the single-stream recycling program.

By recycling, we save energy and natural resources. Smoke Risers, please help keep our community “green” by lining our streets with blue every week. For more information on DeKalb’s recycling program – as well as sanitation collection procedures for yard trimmings and garbage pickup - contact the Sanitation Division’s customer service team by phone at (404) 294-2900, send email to sanitation@dekalbcountyga.gov, or go online to www.dekalbsanitation.com.

Honoring Motherhood in the Glorious Month of May

[Reprinted from the 1996 May Smoke Signal]

By Barbara Bruschi

The Word “Mother” evokes a warm and beautiful feeling in mankind. Throughout the world it is interpreted synonymously with nurturing, understanding, forgiving and unconditional love. Like the sun is the mother to the earth and the earth the mother to all that grows and provides for us, so the mother is to her children. She gives consolation in sorrow, hope in distress and praise to encourage self-confidence. She endows us with strength in times of weakness and provides empathy whenever needed.

From the moment we are born, until the day we die, a mother is an integral part of our life. She can see into our heart and soul, for she suffered the pain of birth. She agonizes with us when our heartaches seem like an endless road of sorrow. The call “My Mother” is one of the most heartwarming sounds in the world.

When our mothers no longer respond, we have lost the one pure soul that was our guardian and blessed us in all her thoughts. Our world becomes poorer. But like the branches of a tree, we mothers draw vitality from our children, and grandchildren who remain part of our mother’s spirit. No greater joy can be bestowed upon a mother, than to see her children become happy, healthy and independent thinking adults, who will follow their chosen destiny.

On this day we pay tribute to the grandmothers of the world who often play a significant part in the development and care of children. Our thoughts are with the mothers who lost their children due to tragic circumstances and illness. We hope that their broken hearts will heal some day. Our hope is that those children that lost their mothers too soon will find courage to face life’s challenges.

Historically “Mother’s Day” was officially introduced as a “joint resolution” in Congress 1914. On May 9th 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed the proclamation, thus making it an officially recognized day for the U.S.A. However, the true credit for the day belongs to a West Virginia lady, Anna Jarvis, born in 1864. Out of strife and hatred resulting from the Civil War- where brother fought against brother- the idea of unifying the family on a special day was born. She promised her mother to become the founder of “Mother’s Day”, so her mother would live on through her. She adorned herself with a white carnation, her mother’s beloved flower. While different colors are selected today, only white signifies the death of a mother.

During the Middle Ages poor children worked away from their family and Mother’s Day was the one day they were allowed to come home. They were going “ a mothering.” The family attended church and honored their mother with violets.

Although different nations have customs according to their culture, one universal theme pervades-- this is a day to celebrate our mothers. They are the leading force in the lives of our children and deserve our gratitude and love, not only on this day, but for all the days to come.



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Mountain Shadow Garden Club May 14 Program Features “Edible Gardens”

The meeting of Mountain Shadow Garden Club (MSGC) on Monday evening, May 14, will feature a program on “Edible Gardens” by Dr. George (Chip) Wilmot of Lilburn. He is a neurologist with Emory Healthcare, but enjoys spending time in his garden and kitchen. For nearly 10 years, he and his wife Janice have been cultivating and consuming edible plants in their home landscape, with more than 30 different plant selections. They were featured in an article in Atlanta Magazine last year.

Because the Wilmots enjoy cooking and entertaining guests at their home, they grow a wide range of herbs and other common edible plants, plus some that are rare and different. Although many of these end up in the food they prepare, Chip notes that many edible plants look lovely in the garden and can be used for their ornamental value alone.



Chip Wilmot

In the program, Chip will outline the strategies for edible gardening that he has found most useful and show examples of his favorite plants for providing exceptional ornamental and culinary interest.

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 information or directions, contact club president Jeff Raines at 404-641-8633.

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Annual Tucker Historical Society's Garden Tour Saturday May 19th 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.

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The Mountain Mums Had a Crafty April

The Mountain Mums held their April meeting in the new home of Custom Crafts by You on Rail Road Avenue in Tucker. Their brunch business meeting was followed by a great home decorating craft class. As you can see in the picture, many of the Mums took home beautiful wooden artwork for their homes.

Currently, the Mountain Mums are working on the Memorial Triangle mulching around the trees and really spiffing it up! The Walk to Remember Committee has completed the design of a new larger 'No Texting' sign to go along with the recent passage of the 'hands-free' phone law in Georgia. Look for the sign as you go by on your way to Atlanta or Snellville and enjoy the plantings there.



During the March Dekalb Federation of Garden Club's meeting the Mountain Mums 'showed' well.

Member Ann Purr's floral design scored a 99 and Lynn Malone got a blue ribbon for her horticultural specimen. Ann is also heavily involved in the Dekalb Federation of Garden Clubs as the club's treasurer and is on the board. She is also the 'gatherer' of our club- collecting purses, books and jewelry, aluminum can tabs and Christmas cards to use in the Dekalb Federation's yearly fund-raisers and projects. Lynn is our incoming club president for 2018-2019.

Next month's meeting will be held at Lisa Armisted's home on Wednesday, May 9 at 9:45 A.M. We will be having a program presented by Susan Meyers titled *Monarch Butterflies, Milkweed and More*. Susan is a Conservation Specialist for Monarch Watch in Georgia. She is an enthusiastic monarch butterfly educator who leads trips to Mexico to see the migration of the butterflies. It is sure to be an interesting program, full of visual aids (hopefully real butterflies ready to emerge!). Come join us and meet the fine group of ladies who make up the Mountain Mums Garden Club. Call Debra Jones at 678-260-7806 for more details. Our club meets most second Wednesdays of the year.

Smoke Rise Community Garden Update

Plans are moving right along for the Smoke Rise Community Garden. The old beds have been removed, the soil turned and bulldozed into Tucker's biggest compost pile. The garden design is finalized and beds are being assembled. The phase one plan is to build out 32 garden bed plots. Of those 32, there are 24 beds that are 4 feet by 8 feet available for \$60/year. We also have 8 beds that are 4 feet by 12 feet available for \$90/year. We are also dedicating almost 20 square feet to growing crops that will be donated to local charities. It has been a wonderful start with so many willing volunteers stepping up and helping. It won't be long now before we will be enjoying our first home grown tomatoes! If you are interested in renting a plot or sponsoring a food pantry bed this year, please email Eileen Stone at srgarden@smokerise.org.

Smoke Rise Morning Glories Gather Supplies for Shelter

April's meeting at the home of Glendolyn Hallman had a very special purpose. For the last year the club has been collecting items for distribution to the Battered Women's Shelter in our county. Last April we donated purses filled with useful items for the residents. This past Christmas we collected toys for the children who were at the shelter and donated gift cards to the women at the shelter. At this meeting, members donated purses, new or gently used, and filled them with all types of toiletries and supplies for the residents of the shelter. Items included a Walmart gift card, shampoos, conditioners, lotions, pens, toothbrushes and toothpaste, soaps, tissues, nail care, brushes, combs and even some jewelry. When a woman enters the shelter, they often have only the clothes they are wearing and sometimes not even a purse. It is often an emergency situation. The director of the shelter let us know that these small items were a real comfort to the residents as they transition into this environment.

President Bonnie Pennington and members Joyce Ray and Glendolyn Hallman will be delivering the items later this month.



If you want more information on this or would like to donate any items to the shelter, please contact Joyce Ray. Donations are welcome.

In other club news, Bonnie noted the new youth garden club we are sponsoring has selected a name. They will be called "The Glorious Daffodillies"! They are planting herbs and vegetables in raised beds and working on a number of garden

projects at the St. John Neumann School. In May, the club is planning a field trip to Athens to see the State Botanical Garden and visit the headquarters of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.

This year the GCG is celebrating the 90th birthday of the founding of the state garden club in Athens. In honor of that celebration, members Janet McGinnis, Glendolyn Hallman, Tally Sweat and Quill Duncan attended the state convention in Macon in April with over 270 attendees from all over the state. The National Garden Club Inc. President, Nancy Hargroves attended the event and clearly defined her theme of "Plant America". It is to be an on-going

program for garden clubs across the country.

Co-hostesses for the meeting were Betty Curlee, Ruth Ann Hill, Vivian Nickelsen and Joy Streater. The raffle of a solar glass calla lily was won by Bonnie Pennington. The raffle item was donated by Marsha Pittard, Nancy Hudgins and Sherry Pacella.



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HODGE PODGE

By Jenny Hall

I don't know about you, but I think I may have reached my "sell-by" date. While eating oatmeal, a chunk of my back molar broke off. This added to my calcium intake for the day-- because I swallowed it, of course. Then the tooth next to it got all wonky, so I had to have two crown preps and a root canal--all in a three-day span! The fun never stops! Since these fillings are about 55 years old, I guess I got my money's worth. But wow! Then my eye doctor says I have cataracts and myopic macular degeneration. This just means I can't see... which I already knew. So I guess I'll win the lottery and have that surgery done soon. Next I figure my hearing will go. Let me rephrase that: MY HEARING IS SQUIRRELLY! WHAT? EH? SPEAK UP! So all this falling apart and getting old stuff is my motivation for a cocktail or two and a few nibbles. I am trying to be diligent about my backside spread keeping up with my front-side droop. These wafers are one of my new favorites:

Parmesan Wafers

2 cups freshly grated Parmesan cheese (not the stuff in a jar or bag...it has cornstarch in it)
1 3/4 cups plain flour
2 sticks real salted butter
1 teaspoon dill weed

Whirl the cheese and butter in food processor until it starts to combine. Add flour and whirl it around using the on-off pulsing button until it comes together. Dump on waxed paper and form into two 12-inch long logs, about 2 inches round. I made mine square because I'm no good at keeping things round. Wrap and refrigerate at least an hour. Cut 1/3 inch thick with serrated knife. Place one inch apart on parchment lined cookie sheets. I use insulated cookie sheets. Bake at 350° for about 25 minutes or until just starting to brown. Cool on racks. These are wonderful and amazing with champagne, by the way.

I only wanted to make half this recipe. After about an hour, I finally figured out that half of 1 3/4 cups flour had to be done as tablespoons. So for half recipe, use 1-cup cheese, 1 stick butter and 14 Tablespoons flour. I drove myself crazy trying to do that math, so I had to have an extra glass of wine. And then I forgot the dill, but I really didn't care. You can use rosemary finely chopped too, but I think rosemary tastes like pine trees, so that's why I used dill.

The wafers would be wonderful with soup or a salad, and I had a hankering for copper penny salad and made a big one that I'm still eating on out of the fridge. If you haven't made it for a while, make this and experiment with all the veggies you love.

Copper Penny Salad with extras

Dressing: 1 can tomato soup, undiluted
1/2 cup oil (not olive or motor)
Scant 1 cup sugar
3/4 cup apple cider vinegar
salt and pepper

Mix well and set aside. Cook about 1-2 pounds of peeled carrots, cut into "pennies". Put hot carrots in dressing; this ensures that the sugar dissolves well. Add 1 small sliced onion and 1 sliced bell pepper. I added cooked green beans and Brussels sprouts because they were left over. Delicious! Stir well, cover and refrigerate. Lasts for at least a week in refrigerator. The dressing is wonderful on spinach, bacon and avocado too.

Ok... This shrimp spread is from my pretend niece Carter. We beg her to bring it to every family gathering and it always gets gobbled up. It is a wonderful appetizer and easy. Carter is one of my heroes.

Shrimp Spread

3 cans shrimp (there seems to be only one size can with tiny shrimp in it. It's a medium sized can. That's all I can tell you.)
1 stick of room temp butter
1 really small diced onion - be cautious so it's not too oniony
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1 teaspoon worchestershire sauce
Salt and pepper

Drain shrimp and just mix everything together until it holds together. Note that there is no cream cheese in this...I was surprised too! Carter's directions say to "mush" it together. I like technical culinary terms like that.

Refrigerate, covered, overnight, and serve with crackers. If you really go to town with this and combine super, super well, it's somewhat like what the British call potted shrimp. It makes darling tea sandwiches.

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