

# HOOVER SERVICE CLUB

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## Organized in 1975

by Flora Mae Pike and 10 other women for the sole purpose of "helping others" in the Hoover Community. Today the club is a group of over 130 civic and service-minded women who give their time and talents to help meet the needs in the community. Our annual fundraiser, Hearts in Harmony, provides funds which enable us to continue the legacy of helping others.

## Mission Statement

- To give aid to the needy
- To give aid and promote increased knowledge of the community needs & fulfill these needs as within the realm of the interests of the organization
- To further education for Hoover school students with scholarships
- To reward outstanding citizenship among the Hoover school students
- To recognize outstanding volunteer service to the community by awarding the Flora Mae Pike Community Service Award to deserving Hoover individuals



## Hearts in Harmony 2020

The 8<sup>th</sup> annual **Hearts in Harmony** event was held on February 29th at Hoover Country Club. Our honorees, Rob Hardman and Steven Splawn, from Chorus SmartSecure were in attendance. Members and guests had a wonderful evening thanks to the commitment and dedication of the members of the Ways and Means Committee and other club members that contributed to making the evening fun for all attendees. The Master of Ceremonies, Councilman Mike Shaw, and the Auctioneer, Bryan Knox, did a great job presenting the live auction items following dinner. Treva Medberry led everyone in a lively game of Heads and Tails. The cash prize was returned to the club!

The committee is waiting for the final report on earnings from the event. A report with the final numbers will be available soon. If you have not made a **Gift from the Heart** Donation, it is not too late to do so. We will continue to accept donations through the May meeting. Each gift expands our opportunity to help others through our scholarship and community outreach committees.

Betty Daigle

# Community Service

Jill Erwin/Lori Heglas

The Community Service Committee met on January 27, 2020 at the Hoover Recreation Center. The club's budget for fiscal year 2019-20 is \$30,000. In the fall, \$15,000 was distributed. The remaining \$15,000 will be distributed in the spring to the following organizations with \$1000 held in reserve for any emergency need arising in the spring within the Hoover community.

- Hoover Public Library - *earmarked for children's programs*
- Project Life Saver - *through Alzheimer's of Central Alabama*
- ALAC - Alabama Latino AIDS Coalition
- Autism Society of Alabama
- Bluff Park Food Bank
- United Way Food Bank Easter Baskets
- Hand in Paw
- Focus on Recovery
- Grace House
- Hope for Autumn Foundation
- Lovelady Center
- Prescott House
- Special Equestrians
- Three Hots and a Cot
- YMCA Summer Camp

## December Program

Hoover Service Club members were entertained with music of the season by the outstanding performance of the immensely talented **Hoover High School Chamber Choir** under the direction of **John Kincaid**.



## January Program

**Hand in Paw's** mission is "To improve human health and well-being through Animal-Assisted Therapy". The professionally-trained volunteer handler and animal Therapy Teams help improve people's day to day lives in medical centers, schools, and human service organizations throughout North Central Alabama. Thank you to Executive Director, **Margaret Stinnett** and Therapy Team, **Lynette Steadman** and her dog **Ginger** for taking the time to be with us and share some of their stories.



## February Program



**Honorable Frank Brocato** enlightened us with the "State of the City Address"

## March Program

Members made **Easter Baskets** for children served by the **United Food Bank at Green Valley Baptist Church**. Thank you to **Lori Heglas** and **Betty Moulton** for organizing.



# Hearts in Harmony - February 29, 2020





## Flora Mae Pike

### Community Service Award

**Mark Davis** is devoted to serving the Hoover Community in support of our U.S. Military veterans. He is the founder of the *Veteran's Memorial Arbor* at Aldridge Gardens, *Vettes4Vets* and the newly approved *Fallen Warrior*



*Monument Project* to be built at Veteran's Park. Mark's goal is to build a bronze bust for every Alabama Veteran who died since 911. His patriotism and commitment in providing ongoing support to the veterans and their families is endless. Mark Davis is an inventor, author, nuclear trainer and consultant.

## Message from our President, Liesa Pitts

Hello Dear Friends!

Can you believe our year is almost over? We have had some wonderful opportunities to give back to our community and some magnificent time to share together as a club.

Our programs have been outstanding and our commitment to other service organizations still strong. I have to admit that one of my favorite programs was the visit from Hand in Paw therapy team, Lanette Steadman and her sweet pup Ginger. From reaching out to children with reading problems to trips to hospitals where a visit from a pet does more healing than any medicine, it is a privilege to be a part of something so powerful!



Our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Hearts in Harmony event was a fabulous evening of fun and fellowship! The ladies of the Ways and Means committee and all the volunteers went above and beyond! It was an elegant evening and we want to thank everyone who attended and helped us reach toward our goals for next year. We are always open to receiving donations from the heart through the end of the year.

The new slate of officers for 2020-2021 has been approved and is as follows: President - Pam Crider, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Rhonda Boyd, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - Debbie Rutherford, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President - Lori Callahan, Recording Secretary - Liz Elliott, Corresponding Secretary - Kim Allen, Treasurer - Bonnie Campbell. Congratulations ladies!

As wonderful as our time together has been, we find ourselves in new territory as we navigate the Coronavirus. I believe and trust God is in control. Let us love one another and others from afar and be responsible in doing our part to help this pandemic come to a swift end. If you can be of service to a friend or neighbor, please reach out.

Due to the untimely interference of the virus, events are being cancelled or postponed. We will not be having our Membership coffee in April and we are not certain about the May luncheon. We will keep you informed on all activities.

I do not want to end on a sad note. This group of ladies means the world to me! Our sole purpose of "helping others" is demonstrated every day throughout our great city. Thank you for all that you do to give back!

It is an honor to know you and call you my friends!

Have a blessed Easter!

*Liesa*

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