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Meeting Dates/Time: **Wednesday, April 24th** (10:00 A.M.) and **Wednesday, May 22nd** (10:00 A.M.)
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Birthdays For April

Kashmiri Arora 15th

Birthdays For May

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WE CARE

For each new morning with its light, For rest and shelter of the night, For health and food, For love and friends, For everything Thy goodness sends. **Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882).** "Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted." **Matthew 5:4 NKJV** We wish health/wellness to all past/current members! ggd☺



Highlights From March's Meeting: Dr. Barbara Wall (right) and Jan Jacobsen (left) - Houston County Board Of Education (HCBE) - provided insightful information about the HCBE's Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) and Gifted And Talented Education (GTE) programs! STEM goals include 21st Century technology in each classroom, ongoing/extensive professional development, empower students to become innovators and technologically proficient problem solvers and more. GTE initiatives include student referral-, testing- and placement, "Common Core Georgia Performance Standards," "Highly Qualified" Gifted Education Teachers and other resources to develop (student's) Higher Order Thinking Skills ... **HOTS!**



We also participated in several interactive "mental" activities! Additional STEM, GTE information (and other programs) available at www.HCBE.net! Also discussed was the (local) **Hearts To Heroes** program providing "care packages" to deployed military members. This program is ran by Mrs. Myra Foskey (Tel: 478/230-0663). Volunteer, support, donation details at www.HeartsToHeroesInc.org. Following the "formal" meeting everyone enjoyed several delicious covered dish items!

Guest Attendees: Jill Smith and Allen Griffin (Modern Woodmen Of The World), Johnny Brown and Tracy Arora! Thanks For Visiting! Johnny and Tracy ... **Thanks For Joining/Welcome To Our Chapter!**

Myrtle wasn't feeling well, so she and a friend went with her to see the doctor. "How tall are you?" asked the nurse. "I'm 5 feet 8 inches," Myrtle replied. The nurse measured her and said, "No, you're 5 feet 5." "How much do you weigh?" asked the nurse. "I weigh 150 pounds," replied Myrtle. The nurse weighed her and said, "No, you're 180."



Then the nurse took her blood pressure and remarked that it was quite high. "Of course it's high!" Myrtle screamed. "I came in here tall and thin, and you made me short and fat!" ☺ — Submitted By **Ivis Bedrick** Everyone/anybody ... please (continue to) give me stories, jokes, photographs and/or topics of interest. More importantly, I sincerely appreciate the "privilege" of printing (y)our newsletter! ggd☺

WHO KNEW (Continued) washed and sterilized and refilled, using the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled. **But they didn't have the green thing back her day.** In her day, they walked up stairs, because they didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. They walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time they had to go two blocks. But she's right. **They didn't have the green thing in her day.**

Back then, they washed the baby's diapers because they didn't have the throw-away kind. They dried clothes on a line, not in an energy gobbling machine burning up 220 volts – wind and solar power really did dry the clothes. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing. But that old lady is right, **they didn't have the green thing back in her day.**

Back then, they had one TV, or radio, in the house – not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a pizza dish, not a screen the size of the state of Montana. In the kitchen, they blended and stirred by hand because they didn't have electric machines to do everything for you. When they packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, they used wadded up newspaper to cushion it, not styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap.

Back then, they didn't fire up an engine and burn gasoline just to cut the lawn. They used a push mower that ran on human power. They exercised by working so they didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity. But she's right, **they didn't have the green thing back then.**

They drank from a fountain when they were thirsty, instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time they had a drink of water. They refilled pens with ink, instead of buying a new pen, and they replaced the razor blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull. **But they didn't have the green thing back then.**

Back then, people took the streetcar and kids rode their bikes to school or rode the school bus, instead of turning their moms into a 24-hour taxi service. They had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And they didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 2,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest pizza joint. **But they didn't have the green thing back then!**

— Submitted By **Suzanne Burgess**

Riddle 1: Forward I am heavy, backwards I am not. **What am I?** **Riddle 2:** Pronounced as one letter but written with three. Two different letters there are and two only in me. I'm double, I'm single, I'm black, blue and gray. I'm read from both ends and the same either way. **What am I?** ggd☺

Meeting Date/Time:
Wednesday - April 24, 2013/10:00 A.M.
Guest Speaker: ** New Member**
Tracy Arora
Subject: Vitamin D For Older Adults!



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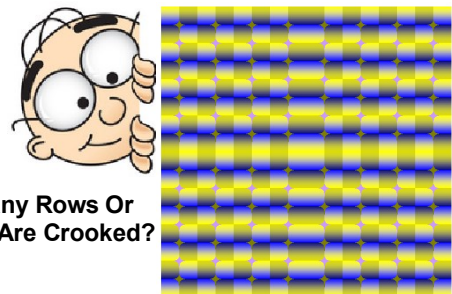
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ALL: As **your** Editor I'm open to suggestions for our newsletter! So please, keep your membership status/information current, get your newsworthy information and/or photographs to me as soon as possible and - collectively - we'll get/keep advertisers/sponsors!

I can be reached at 478/318-0471 and/or via e-mail at gdavismail@gmail.com!

Sincerely,

Greg (Formerly Known As "Da Baby") Davis ggd ☺



How Many Rows Or Columns Are Crooked?

Earth Day 2013 - April 22nd



WASHINGTON – The global theme for Earth Day 2013 (announced early this year by Earth Day Network) is **"The Face of Climate Change."** Earth Day Network, the group founded by the organizers of the first Earth Day to coordinate the annual day of action that builds and invigorates the environmental movement, said that this theme was chosen because of the need to highlight the mounting impact of climate change on individuals around the world.

"Many people think climate change is a remote problem, but the fact is that it's already impacting real people, animals, and beloved places all over the world, and these Faces of Climate Change are multiplying every day," said Kathleen Rogers, president of Earth Day Network. **"Fortunately, other Faces of Climate Change are also multiplying every day: those stepping up to do something about it. For Earth Day 2013, we'll bring our generation's biggest environmental challenge down to size – the size of an individual faced with the consequences."**

Up/until April 22nd Earth Day Network collected and displayed images of people, animals, and places directly affected or threatened by climate change and told the world their stories. The organization mobilized its extensive global network of Earth Day event organizers and other partners to help collect the images. But they're also asking ordinary people to become "climate reporters" and send their pictures and stories that show The Face of Climate Change. On and around Earth Day – April 22nd – an interactive digital display of all the images was shown at thousands of events around the world, including next to federal government buildings in countries that produce the most carbon pollution. The display is also available online to anyone who wants to view or show it.

The campaign focused heavily on social media where organizers asked people to **tweet** using the hashtag **#FaceOfClimate**, and "climate reporters" could also post photos to Twitter and Instagram using that hashtag for inclusion in the digital display.

Franklin Russell, director of Earth Day at Earth Day Network - in an earlier (2013) statement said **"The Face of Climate Change will not only personalize and make real the massive challenge that climate change presents, it will unite the myriad Earth Day events around the world into one call to action at a critical time. 2012 was marked by many climate change milestones. Arctic sea-ice cover reached a record low in September, a new high-water mark in a long-term decline. The United States experienced its hottest year ever; this, after the World Meteorological Organization announced that the first decade of this century was the hottest on record for the entire planet. Public perception of extreme weather events as the new normal grew as unusual superstorms rocked the Caribbean, the Philippines and the northeastern United States; droughts plagued northern Brazil, Russia, China, and two-thirds of United States; exceptional floods inundated Nigeria, Pakistan, and parts of China; and more. Meanwhile, international climate change talks stagnated. But glimmers of hope for a political solution began appearing in recent months, perhaps most notably in U.S. President Barack Obama's high-profile promises to tackle climate change during his second term."**

This is why organizers said that 2013 is ripe for a major push to confront climate change. Each year, more than one billion people participate in Earth Day-related activities, making it the largest civic observance in the world. On and around April 22nd, communities across approximately 192 countries voiced their concerns for the planet and took action to protect it. **"We'll harness that power to show the world The Face of Climate Change,"** said Russell. **"And we'll call on our leaders to act boldly together, as we have, on this critical issue."** To

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Who Knew? In the line at the store, the cashier told the older woman that plastic bags weren't good for the environment. The older woman apologized to her and explained, **"We didn't have the green thing back in my day."** That's right, they didn't have the green thing in her day. Back then, they returned their milk bottles, coke bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be **SEE WHO KNEW ON BACK**

