

A woman goes into Cabela's to buy a rod and reel for her grandson's birthday. She doesn't know which one to get, so she just grabs one and goes over to the counter. The clerk was standing behind the counter wearing dark shades. She says to him, **"Excuse me, sir. Can you tell me anything about this rod and reel?"** He says, **"Ma'am, I'm completely blind; but if you'll drop it on the counter, I can tell you everything from the sound it makes."** She doesn't believe him but drops it on the counter anyway. He says, **"That's a six-foot Shakespeare graphite rod with a Zebco 404 reel and 10-LB. Test line. It's a good all-around combination, and it's on sale this week for only \$20.00."** She says, **"It's amazing that you can tell all that just by the sound of it dropping on the counter. I'll take it!"** As she opens her purse, her credit card drops on the floor. **"Oh, that sounds like a Master Card,"** he says. She bends down to pick it up and accidentally farts. At first she is really embarrassed, but then realizes there is no way the blind clerk could tell it was her who tooted. Being blind, he wouldn't know that she was the only person around? The man rings up the sale and says, **"That'll be \$34.50 please."** The woman is totally confused by this and asks, **"Didn't you tell me the rod and reel were on sale for \$20.00? How did you get \$34.50?"** He replies, **"Yes, ma'am. The rod and reel is \$20.00, but the Duck Call is \$11.00, and the Catfish Bait is \$3.50."** She paid it and left without saying a word!

The Shredder



A young engineer was leaving the office at 5:45 P.M. when he found the CEO standing in front of a shredder with a piece of paper in his hand. **"Listen,"** said the CEO, **"this is a very sensitive and important document, and my secretary is not here. Can you make this thing work?"** **"Certainly,"** said the young engineer. He turned on the machine, inserted the paper, and pressed the start button. **"Excellent, excellent!"** said the CEO as his paper disappeared inside the machine, **"I'll just need one copy."** **Lesson:** Never, never, ever assume that the boss knows what he's doing. **ggd ☺**

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 Guest Speaker: Gena DeBoe
 Chairperson - Warner Robins International City Festival

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 Location: Wellston Center - 155 Maple Street | Warner Robins, GA 31093

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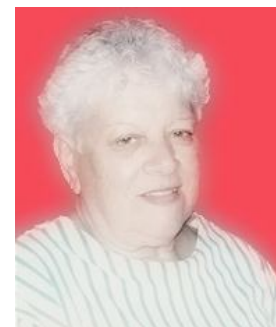
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For each new morning with its light, For rest and shelter of the night, For health and food, For love and friends, For everything Thy goodness sends. Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882) "Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4 NKJV

Highlights From July's Meeting: Marsha Buzzell - Executive Director/Warner Robins Convention And Visitors Bureau gave a very exciting/informative presentation about the tourist industry (second only to agriculture in Georgia) and its economic impact - especially for Warner Robins and middle Georgia! Additional information included activities/events in (around) Warner Robins such as the International City Farmer's Market, Southeast Regional Little League Games (Congratulations to Warner Robins' Boys Little League team on their recent Regional Championship), support to Robins Air Force Base and the upcoming International City Festival - October 1, 2011. For additional information please contact Marsha at 478/922-5100!



"Welcome" new member **Jimmy Selph** **ggd ☺**



Road Trip! Helen Daly visited Denver Colorado from May 28th through June 5th! At the "Mile High Park" she traveled to *Estes Park*, then to the Rock Mountain National Park where she discovered the true meaning of "panoramic" views. She traveling across the famed Trail Ridge Road, took the historic train ride aboard the Georgetown Loop Railroad, saw Devil's Gate High Bridge, then off to Grand Junction, Silverton, Durango, Mesa Verde National Park, Canon, Colorado Springs, Manitou Springs (home of Pike's Peak - approximately 14,110 feet on Cog Railway ... the world's highest Cog railroad) for a 8.9 mile journey to the top of Pike's Peak. What a view ... there was snow but the weather was very nice! — SUBMITTED — **ggd ☺**

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5 Ways To Teach Grandkids About Giving

Grandparents can be powerful role models when it comes to teaching children to think about others

Source: AARP Expert | July 14, 2011

In our age of consumerism, many grandparents worry that kids are more focused on getting than giving. But older relatives can have a positive influence in this area. Here are 5 steps to help your grandkids learn the importance of giving to others. (Before bringing up this — or any other — topic with your grandkids, be sure to discuss it with their parents).

1. Teach by example. Starting at about age 3 or 4, your grandchildren's values and choices are shaped by the examples their parents and grandparents provide. You are their role models: What are they learning from you when it comes to giving? Children are frequently unaware when their elders are engaged in charitable giving — you write a check or do volunteer work when they are not around. Next time, explain to your grandkids how you chose a cause for a donation, tell them about the fun you had volunteering (or take them with you) or ask for a donation in lieu of a gift at birthday or holiday time. Don't be afraid to show that sometimes giving involves sacrifices of time and money. Show them with enthusiasm the pride and satisfaction that being generous brings you.

2. Charity begins at home. Help grandkids learn how to be giving by helping older family members or neighbors with chores. Encourage them to help their siblings with projects. When it's birthday party time, suggest that they ask their friends to bring a book or a toy to donate locally or give "giving cards that encourage acts of kindness as party favors. Include a charity gift card they can use to make a donation to the charity of their choice along with your gifts to them. Work with grandchildren on a regular basis to give away clothing, toys, books and technology they are no longer using. Make sure they understand it's not just about getting rid of old things — it's about giving them to people in need.

3. Build on interests. We all feel more passionate about giving our time and money to causes that are meaningful to us. What are your grandchildren really into? Animals? Help them go to the local animal shelter to clean cages, pet and feed animals or donate towels, food or toys. Is the outdoors their great love? Show them how to donate to environmental causes or volunteer at a local park. Will they connect the most with other children? Introduce them to children's charities across the globe, or give them a doll, which includes ways to donate to international children's charities online. They can also get their friends and school involved in giving to other schools through *Donors Choose* (www.DonorsChoose.org), an online charity that connects donors to classrooms with specific needs.

4. Give together. Make giving a family tradition involving all generations. Get the whole family to save change in a big jar and together watch the nest egg grow; choose where to donate the sum at the end of the year. Help feed other families by sponsoring one, donating canned goods for a food drive or creating food baskets to donate. Have a family yard sale and donate a portion of the proceeds. Get active by volunteering together — in your community or in faraway places through volunteer vacations that incorporate structured volunteer opportunities in interesting places. Make giving a fun family activity and everyone will want to join in.

5. Make it a habit. Provide grandchildren with frequent opportunities to give and volunteer so that service becomes an ongoing and natural part of their lives, rather than an intermittent effort. Regularly schedule family volunteering expeditions. Ask their parents if you could add a little extra to their allowance and help your grandchild always set aside a portion for giving (as well as for saving and spending). Children spend a lot of time online these days, so capitalize on that and help them find websites where they can learn about and choose charities. Feed their online game-playing habit by steering them to online charitable giving games, such as *Child's Play* (www.ChildsPlay.org). And don't forget the positive reinforcement for their efforts! ggd ☺



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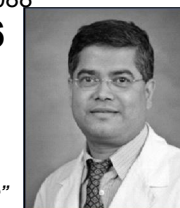
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Always Ask ... Never Assume! His request approved, the CNN News photographer quickly used a cell phone to call the local airport to charter a flight. He was told a twin-engine plane would be waiting for him at the airport. Arriving at the airfield, he spotted a plane warming up outside a hanger. He jumped in with his bag, slammed the door shut, and shouted, **'Let's go.'** The pilot taxied out, swung the plane into the wind and took off. Once in the air, the photographer instructed the pilot, **'Fly over the valley and make low passes so I can take pictures of the fires on the hillsides.'** **'Why?'** asked the pilot. **'Because I'm a photographer for CNN'** he responded, **'and I need to get some close up shots.'** The pilot was strangely silent for a moment, finally he stammered, **'So, what you're telling me, is . . . You're NOT my flight instructor?'** ggd ☺

