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Birthdays For June

Ruth Davis 26th **** Nonagenarian! ****

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Helen Daly 1st Trudy Deep 5th Winona Smith 11th Johnny Brown 26th
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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** We wish health/wellness to all past/current members! ggd@

Highlights From May's Meeting: Rodney Ballard and Rod Green (Energy Analysts with **Flint Energies**) provided valuable money-saving tips on load management, energy consumption, audits and conservation actions embracing "wise use of energy" procedures. Homes have 3 major energy "drains": heating-, cooling- and water- heating systems. The Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio (**SEER**) measures air conditioning and heat pump cooling efficiency, which is calculated by the cooling output for a typical cooling season divided by the total electric energy input during the same time frame. A higher SEER rating means greater energy efficiency.



R. Ballard



R. Green

Equally important is having the *proper* sized heating/cooling system which provides the best overall energy efficiency for the service areas ... bigger does NOT equal better! Brochures, pamphlets and guides were provided with additional energy-saving tips. Additional information is available online at www.FlintEnergies.com.

Welcome "visitor"/new member **Jannie McMullen!** Thank you for joining our chapter!



Congratulations to our very own **Betty Lou Lovain** recently honored as **Volunteer Of The Year - 2013** by the Warner Robins Rotary Club!

Additionally, Congratulations to **RCI Collision** ... recently selected **Macon Telegraph's Best Of The Best (2014) Auto Body Shop!**




Business Spotlight: RCI Collision!

interpretations of black womanhood and also used her gifts to champion for Human Rights. Dee was cremated, and her ashes are held in the same urn as that of Davis, with the inscription **"In this thing together"**.

One day **Pop** went for a general check-up. The doctor told him that everything was fine and that - in fact - he was "in real good shape for a man of 93." **"That's good to know because I'm getting married in two weeks,"** said **Pop**. **"Getting married! That's wonderful! Who's the lucky bride?"** **"She's a 27-year-old bar maid I met at the local pub."** **"Only 27 ... then you will need some Viagra!"** **Pop** said, **"No way, I never take drugs of any type. It's against my principles."** The doctor said **"you are in good shape, but nevertheless you're 93. May I suggest that you and your wife take in a boarder?"** **"Why a boarder?"** asked **Pop** **"Well, you know ... at your age,"** winked the doctor, **"you may not be able to do all the things a young woman would like a husband to do around the house. A boarder will be able to help."** **Pop** shrugged and said, **"I guess you are right,"** as he walked out of the office. A year later **Pop** - now **94** - came back to the doctor for another checkup. **"How's married life?"** asked the doctor. **"Amazing, it couldn't be better. I should have remarried years ago!"** **"How's your wife?"** asked the doctor. **"She's doing fine,"** said **Pop** **"and she's pregnant."** **"Pregnant!"** exclaimed the doctor. **"I take it that you took in a boarder who has fit in quite well?"** **"Yes ... and she's pregnant too,"** grinned **Pop!**



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Remembering Dr. Maya Angelou And Ruby Dee

Maya Angelou - born Marguerite Annie Johnson; **April 4, 1928 – May 28, 2014** was an African-American author, poet, dancer, and singer. She published seven autobiographies, three books of essays, and several books of poetry, and was credited with a list of plays, movies, and television shows spanning more than 50 years. She received dozens of awards and over fifty honorary degrees. Angelou is best known for her series of seven autobiographies, which focus on her childhood and early adult experiences.

She became a poet and writer after a series of occupations as a young adult, including fry cook, nightclub dancer and performer, cast member of the opera *Porgy and Bess*, coordinator for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and journalist in Egypt and Ghana during the decolonization of Africa. She was an actor, writer, director, and producer of plays, movies, and public television programs. From 1982, she taught at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where she held the first lifetime Reynolds Professorship of American Studies. She was active in the Civil Rights movement, and worked with Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X.

Angelou died on the morning of **May 28, 2014**, according to a family statement. Although Angelou had reportedly been in poor health and had canceled recent scheduled appearances, she was working on another book, an autobiography about her experiences with national and world leaders. Tributes to Angelou and condolences were paid by artists, entertainers, and world leaders, including President Bill Clinton, and President Barack Obama, whose sister was named after Angelou. **Dr. Maya Angelou was 86.**

Ruby Dee (October 27, 1922 – June 11, 2014) was an American actress, poet, playwright, screenwriter, journalist and activist. She is perhaps best known for co-starring in the film *A Raisin in the Sun* (1961) and the film *American Gangster* (2007) for which she was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress. She was the recipient of Grammy, Emmy, Obie, Drama Desk, Screen Actors Guild Award, and Screen Actors Guild Lifetime Achievement Awards as well as the National Medal of Arts and the Kennedy Center Honors. She was married to actor **Ossie Davis** until his death in 2005.

Dee joined the American Negro Theater as an apprentice, working with Sidney Poitier, Harry Belafonte, and Hilda Simms. She made several appearances on Broadway. Her first onscreen role was in *That Man of Mine* in 1946. She received national recognition for her role in the 1950 film *The Jackie Robinson Story*.

During the 1960s, Dee appeared in such politically charged films as *Gone Are the Days* and *The Incident*, which is recognized as helping pave the way for young African-American actors and filmmakers.

She appeared in one episode of *The Golden Girls'* sixth season. She played Queen Haley in *Roots: The Next Generations*, a 1979 miniseries. In 1995, she and Davis were awarded the National Medal of Arts. They were also recipients of the Kennedy Center Honors in 2004. Dee was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress in 2007 for her portrayal of Mama Lucas in *American Gangster*. She won the Screen Actors Guild award for the same performance. On February 12, 2009, Dee joined the Aaron Copland School of Music at Queens College orchestra and chorus, along with the Riverside Inspirational Choir and NYC Labor Choir, in honoring Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday at the Riverside Church in New York City. Dee and Davis were well

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-known civil rights activists.[18] Dee was a member of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), the NAACP, the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, Delta Sigma Theta sorority and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Dee died on **June 11, 2014**, at her home in New Rochelle, New York, from natural causes at the age of **91**. Throughout her seven-decade career, Ms. Dee embraced different creative platforms with her various