


computer malware. **3. Examine the web address.** When using an Internet search engine to find charities, treat the results pages with caution. Carefully read organizations' Internet addresses before clicking on them. Scammers often create rogue websites with sly misspellings, tweaks or sound-alike names. Also know that legitimate nonprofit organizations typically end in .org, not .com.

**4. Don't be enticed by photos.** Emails or sketchy websites may have links promising photographs or video of disaster areas. Never click on them. Malware could be the result. **5. If you do entertain requests for money, do so smartly.** Don't provide credit card information to a caller, even if your Caller ID indicates it's a legitimate charity (scammers have ways to make whatever number they want appear on your screen). Say no to offers to send a courier to your home to pick up a donation. Instead, tell the caller to mail you printed information. (If the organization doesn't already have your address, do not provide it. Why tell a strange caller where you live?) Although mailed material is no guarantee of legitimacy, organizations that won't provide it are usually scams. So once you get the paperwork, see if the contact information and mailing address match what you find with your own online search or the verification websites noted above. Or simply look up the number of the charity yourself and call it. **6. Say no to door-to-door solicitors.** Front-door solicitors should leave behind printed materials that allow you to vet them before mailing a check or making an online credit card donation. Avoid giving cash to strangers claiming to be collecting for charities. **7. There's no such thing as "all the money goes to charity."** Be wary of claims that 100 percent of donations assist victims. All charities have fundraising and administrative costs. Legitimate organizations typically spend up to 35 percent of donations on fundraising and administrative costs (but ideally, less than 25 percent).

**Quick Joke:** A man is sitting alone in a bar and he hears a voice saying, "you're so good looking." He looks around, doesn't see anyone, then hears, "that's a nice suit you're wearing." Finally, he calls over the bartender and asks him if he knows where the flattering comments are coming from. "It's the peanuts, they're complimentary." 



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**Birthdays For November**

Tracy Marshall	1 <sup>st</sup>	Tommy Stalnaker	4 <sup>th</sup>	Suzanne Baer	6 <sup>th</sup>	Swarn Arora	15 <sup>th</sup>
David Morton	19 <sup>th</sup>	William Hyslip	22 <sup>nd</sup>				

**Birthdays For December**

Lena Trussell	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nancy Harrison	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Betty Lou Lovain	10 <sup>th</sup>	Mitchell Nasser	12 <sup>th</sup>
William Hancock	17 <sup>th</sup>	Ernest Braun	24 <sup>th</sup>	Larry Burney	25 <sup>th</sup>	John Micek	26 <sup>th</sup>

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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 October's Meeting:** **Dollie Geary - Florist/Professional Design Consultant** (Michaels - Warner Robins) - shared history, business, products, promotions and services of Michaels (company). She also demonstrated (secret) techniques and created an elegant "Harvest/Pumpkin Floral Arrangement!" Following her demonstration a drawing was held - and the arrangement was "won" by ... Harris McMillan! Thank you!



Our Chapter - AARP Chapter 1952 - "officially" approved/elected the following **Officers for 2014:** **President/Trudy Deep** (Foreman), **Vice President/Frank Gadbois**, **Secretary/James Erdmanczyk** and **Treasurer/Benedicta Edge**. Being a "Green" Chapter we've "recycled" our **Board Of Directors:** Maureen Echols, Suzanne Burgess And Betty Lou Lovain for 2014! **Newsletter Editor:** "Meeeeeeee" (Again)! Congratulations to all! We also approved donations to **Meals on Wheels, Hospice** and the **Salvation Army.** ggd ©



**Next Meeting | Wednesday**  
**December 4, 2013 | 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.**  
 (Covered Dish | Christmas Luncheon | Officer Installations)

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Sincerely,

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**5 Quick Facts About John F. Kennedy | Some things you probably didn't know about the 35th president, who was assassinated 50 years ago this month.**

- It's political lore that **John F. Kennedy** won the 1960 election on the strength of the first-ever televised presidential debates: Kennedy appeared calm and collected, and wore makeup to look good on TV, while his opponent, Richard Nixon, seemed nervous and sweaty. Kennedy may have won the image game, but the debates didn't hand him the keys to the White House. Gallup polls throughout 1960 show a very close race...and so did the

outcome. Kennedy beat Nixon handily in the Electoral College (303 to 219), but got just 112,000 more votes, out of 68 million total.

- Since the assassination of Kennedy in 1963, **conspiracy theories have persisted**, with some claiming government involvement or at least a government-directed cover-up. It reached a fever pitch in 1992, with the release of Oliver Stone's conspiracy-exploring film *JFK*. That year, President George Bush signed the **Assassination Records Collection Act**. It requires that all internal, unreleased government documents about the Kennedy assassination to be made public by **October 26, 2017**.

- President Kennedy famously had many mistresses and extramarital affairs**, but by the time of his death, he'd stopped cheating on his wife. The death of his two-day-old son Patrick Kennedy in August 1963 reportedly prompted Kennedy to recommit himself to marriage and family life.

- Kennedy publicly pushed for NASA to get a man on the moon**, and it did, in 1969. But **a man on the moon was not Kennedy's first choice for space travel**. He initially directed NASA to send a man to Mars. Authorities at the agency talked him out of it, because it would be too expensive and impractical.

- On **November 20, 1963**, Kennedy got to view an early print of the upcoming James Bond film *From Russia With Love*. (He'd once told *Time* that the Ian Fleming novel it was based on was one of his favorite books.) It was the last movie he ever saw - he died two days later.

**NOTE** - Sitting in a rocking chair helped relieve President Kennedy's chronic back pain.

**7 Ways To Spot Fake Charities** - By Sid Kirchheimer | Author/*Scam-Proof Your Life* | AARP Books/Sterling

**November and December** are "traditional" months with increased emphasis in **giving to supporting charities**. However, throughout the year life/world events may dictate strong/urgent needs to **"give."** After tragedy strikes - be it tornados in Oklahoma, bombings in Boston or the recent typhoon in the Phillippines ... expect two immediate reactions: Well-intentioned people will want to give donations **AND** scammers will want to take them. Within hours of any disaster, charity scams go into full swing.




**"Tragedies inspire people to give,"** says H. Art Taylor of the **Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance** ([www.BBB.org/us/charity](http://www.BBB.org/us/charity)). **"After every natural disaster and manmade catastrophe, we see an outpouring of generosity ... along with the inevitable scams and frauds. We urge donors to take the time to make sure their donations are going to legitimate charities."**

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