

A **Little Person** called his doctor complaining that everytime he wears his new boots he experiences excruciating pain in his **"lower body region"** [you KNOW what/where I'm talking about!] Anyway, his doctor tells him the next time he experiences the excruciating pain to immediately come to his office. Not surprising the **Little Person** quickly went to his doctor. The doctor told him to get on the examining table, and lie back. After a close examination the doctor readily saw the problem, decided to put the **Little Person** to sleep, took out his operating knife and began to **cut** for what seems like eternity. Before he fell asleep the **Little Person** heard noises but he didn't feel anything. After the **Little Person** woke up the doctor asked him to walk. **WOW!** The **Little Person** couldn't believe what he was feeling ... **NO EXCRUCIATING PAIN!** Elated the **Little Person** asked the doctor what he did. The doctor said he had no choice but to do what he did ... **he surgically removed 4 inches off the top of the Little Person's boots!**

A **Cardiologist** died and was given an elaborate funeral. A huge heart covered in flowers stood behind the casket during the service. Following the eulogy, the heart opened, and the casket rolled inside. The heart then closed, sealing the doctor in the beautiful heart forever. At that point, one of the mourners burst into laughter. When all eyes stared at him, he said, 'I'm sorry, I was just thinking of my own funeral ... I'm a Gynecologist.' The **Proctologist** fainted.



The **English language** has some wonderfully **anthropomorphic** collective nouns for the various groups of animals. We are all familiar with a **Herd** of cows, a **Flock** of chickens, a **School** of fish and a **Gaggle** of geese. However, less widely known is a **Pride** of lions, a **Murder** of crows (as well as their cousins the rooks and ravens), an **Exaltation** of doves and, presumably because they look so wise, a **Parliament** of owls.

Now consider a group of **Baboons**. They are the loudest, most dangerous, most obnoxious, most viciously aggressive and least intelligent of all primates. And what is the proper collective noun for a group of baboons? Believe it or not ... a **Congress!**

I guess that pretty much explains the things that come out of Washington!



**Early Morning Police Stop:** An elderly man is stopped by the police around 2 A.M. and is asked where he is going at this time of night. The man replies, **"I'm on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, as well as smoking and staying out late."** The officer then asks, **"Really? Who is giving that lecture at this time of night?"** The man replies, **"That would be my wife!"**

Meeting Date/Time: Wednesday - October 26, 2011/10:00 A.M.  
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### Birthdays For October

Jack Peck 18<sup>th</sup> Jimmy Selph 25<sup>th</sup>

### Birthdays For November

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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 September's Meeting:** Charleen Crump [Education Coordinator/ Gluten Intolerance Group - Middle Georgia] provided some fascinating information about gluten, education, as well as support to persons with gluten intolerance diseases, such as celiac disease. In this disorder gluten protein fractions in wheat, rye and barley set off reactions that lead to a number of symptoms. Locally, contact Charleen at **478/391-2423**. The national website is **www.gluten.net** with additional information and links to local chapter/branches! Following her presentation we enjoyed several "covered dish" items.

Happy [Belated] Birthday To One Of Our **"Founding"** Members Of AARP Chapter 1952's **"Nonagenarian Club"** ... **Mr. Charles Bell [September 9, 1918]!** Speaking of Mr. Bell ... as promised in the January 2011 newsletter - this month I'm "spotlighting" another of our chapter's "nonagenarian" who happens to be ... **wait for it - Mr. Charles Bell! ggd ☺**

## Attention - Attention - Attention!

The new slate of officers will be reported this month and voted on at November's meeting. Anyone interested in taking over an office should let the nominating committee know. **November's** meeting will be moved to the third Wednesday (11/16/2011) due to Thanksgiving. Our Christmas luncheon has been **CANCELLED**. Instead we'll have "treats" (12/28/2011). It was also suggested to have a **"New Year's"** breakfast meeting in January. **Savings:** Don't forget to show your AARP card when you shop at Walgreens. They have different promotions throughout the year. Last month I spent \$20.00 and got a \$5.00 coupon on a future purchase. **Translation:** I got \$5.00 in FREE "stuff!" **ggd ☺**



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## Mr. Charles T. Bell - October's Nonagenarian!

My "spotlight" of Mr. Bell is the combination/culmination of both written and oral accounts of his life/experiences. **Born September 9, 1918** [you do the math] Mr. Bell grew up in the city of Atlanta in a large family [father, mother, and five children] where he attended the public schools of Atlanta as well as Clark Atlanta University.

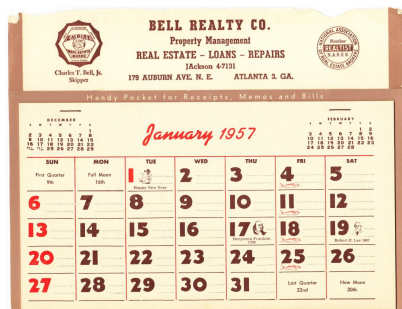
Before completing college he worked with/for his father's real estate office which - as it turned out - would become his life-long profession. Early in his career he is credited with developing three (3) major subdivisions for the [then] rapidly expanding African-American population.

In 1941 he served three years with the U.S. Army in Iran, returning in 1945 and continued his real estate practice. Stepping back to the "**Roarin' 20s**" Mr. Bell was not yet a teenager. However, he remembers the prosperity of the African-American communities - in spite of segregated water fountains and segregated schools - the Black-owned banks and insurance companies. Even during the "**Great Depression**" of the 30s Mr. Bell stated he/his family didn't know there was a depression. Blacks were gainfully employed and his parents [among many families] were capable of feeding a large family. During the civil rights days Mr. Bell stated he was privileged to support marches, sit-in demonstrations [for which he was jailed] and he was able to BOND many of the demonstrators out of jail as well! Although Mr. Bell was NOT part of any civil rights group it was the NAACP [National Association for the Advancement of Colored People] that was responsible for protecting many minorities. The reason Mr. Bell did NOT participate in the marches was concern of jeopardizing his business position. Back then the Blacks' business resources were somewhat "controlled" by whites so it wasn't uncommon for the Black professionals to "*walk a thin line*" and avoid controversial activities.

In spite of those concerns his father's real estate office - which was on **Auburn Avenue** - had upstairs office space for attorneys [primarily for real estate/legal affairs] but also to represent the NAACP! Auburn Avenue was also the "entertainment" district where artists such as James Brown, Gladys Knight and other got their start at several Black-owned clubs. Of special note is there was only one church - **Big Bethel AME Church** on Auburn Avenue. That's where civil rights meetings were held as well as in other places. Auburn Avenue, it's businesses and professional organizations played a pivotal role in the Civil Rights movement and Mr. Bell [his family, real estate activities, and other experiences] helped shape Atlanta into one of our nation's most dynamic cities! Again, although Mr. Bell "walked a thin line" he is most proud of being the sole surviving litigate of four people who - in 1951 - filed suit against the city of Atlanta for the rights to play on the municipal golf courses. That case went all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court with a decision handed down in 1955 for minorities to play. His first "approved" golf outing was on Christmas Eve day in 1955! The name of the case was **Holmes et al. v. The City of Atlanta**. The participants were **Dr. H.M. Holmes Sr.**, his son **Alfred "Tub" Holmes**, another son **Oliver Holmes** and **Mr. Bell!** Not surprisingly, Mr. Bell's favorite pastime is golf!

In later years he, Tiger Woods, and his father [Earl Woods] shared the same platform in Atlanta at a Tiger Woods seminar at the Brownsville Golf Course. In 1998 Mr. Bell participated in the dedication of the **Charlie Yates Golf Course** in Atlanta for minority kids. In 2003, he was presented the **Foot Soldier Award** by the University Of Georgia Department Of Social Studies.

I sincerely appreciate Mr. Bell for allowing me to share a "*snapshot*" of him.



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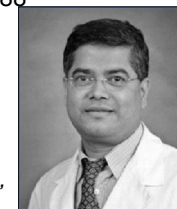
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There's not enough space in this newsletter to fully cover Mr. Bell's life experiences. His growing up in Atlanta - as a Black man - in the early and mid 1900s gave him a different perspective of life and history other than I would have expected. His experiences in the 30s is vastly different than what history tells us! He fought in **World War II** in a segregated unit yet everything that happened during his life was normal to him just as our lives are normal to us! On a personal note he was twice married and has one son.

History books are nice but there's nothing like interacting with an original - who literally **made/ shaped history!** Although I'm just a few years older than Mr. Bell's son, I represent a generation - "**Baby Boomers**" - whose life opportunities are the direct result

of the experiences/struggles of the "**Mr. Bells**" of our society. Mr. Bell - **Thank You For Your Life Experiences!** Additionally, Sir ... **Thank You For Your Service To Our Country!** ggd ☺

