

-win-win: a boon to employers, a boost for the U.S. economy and a bonus for the workers. Older Americans are prodigious consumers, and older employees can help companies tap that lucrative market. Who better than a senior to figure out what older people are likely to buy? **Barbara Beskind**, a **91-year-old** engineer/designer at the famous firm **IDEO**, says she is working on products that she and her friends need, such as improved walkers, supportive walking sticks and face-recognition glasses that whisper the name of an old acquaintance who approaches you.



Older Workers Enrich The Country - For the economy as a whole, the flood of experienced people with a strong work ethic into the workforce has increased productivity and enhanced economic output. Beyond that, the millions of people working past retirement age have reduced the threat of the so-called **silver tsunami**: the fear that the number of older people on Social Security and Medicare would overwhelm the number of working people whose taxes pay for those benefits. Delayed retirement, the Social Security Administration says, "shortens the retirement period that needs to be funded and can generate additional savings" for the funds.

But it's not strictly a financial matter. **"Money and access to health care are, of course, of considerable importance,"** according to the **AARP Public Policy Institute**, **"but so are the desires to remain active, make a contribution and maintain social relationships at work. Furthermore, these workers often enjoy what they are doing."** WOW ...this is a fascinating subject! Stay tuned for future/related articles! ggd ☺

Sign "Giggles" ... In a **Podiatrist's Office**: "Time wounds all heels." Over a **Gynecologist's Office**: "Dr. Jones, at your cervix." On a **Septic Tank Truck**: "Yesterday's Meals on Wheels." On a **Plumber's Truck**: "We repair what your husband fixed." At a **Towing Company**: "We don't charge an arm and a leg. We want tows." On an **Electrician's Truck**: "Let us remove your shorts." On a **Fence**: "Salesmen welcome! Dog food is expensive!" Thanks **Suzanne Burgess** ggd ☺

SPOILER ALERT **January 2016 ... Special "Elegant Fundraising Event" Coming To The Wellston Center! Initial Details Revealed At This Month's Meeting! Beeeeeeee There!**

* Please Bring This Newsletter With You To Our Meeting And Bring/Invite A Friend! *

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Meeting Dates/Time: **Wednesday, September 23rd** (10:00 A.M.) and **Wednesday, October 28th** (10:00 A.M.)
Location: Wellston Center - 155 Maple Street | Warner Robins, GA 31093

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Birthdays For September

Greg Davis	1 st Mary Lappano **	1 st Agnes Partlow	6 th Phyllis Blount	8 th
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Birthdays For October

Carol Davis	16 th Mike Robinson	24 th
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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 Sick/Shut-Ins:** John Echols, Earnest/Sue Braun, Ruth Davis and Bessie Howell. We wish health/wellness to all past/current members! ggd ☺



Highlights From The August 2015 Meeting: **Larry Walker** - Attorney/Historian/Columnist (Perry, GA) shared several "chapters" of his life, growing up in rural Houston County (Georgia), relationships, history, politics and much more! His long career in the Georgia House of Representatives, which began in 1972, included his role as **house majority leader** and as a member of Speaker Tom Murphy's **inner circle**. Mr. Walker served in the house for 32 years and was influential in changing the state flag and in developing the Georgia National Fair and Ag Center in Perry, Georgia. Fascinating/personable "reflections" left us wanting more! For additional "reflections" please read/view the Macon Telegraph (www.macon.com) for Mr. Walker's featured columns.



There's "something" in his writings everyone can identify with! ggd ☺
Welcome new members **Marilou Gockman** and **Anita McDonnell**!



AARP Driver Safety Class - Contact: **Robert Woodall** (478/397-6690) Or **Sherman Falana** (478/987-3658) To Register. Open To AARP And Non-AARP Members!

The Houston County Board of Education (HCBOE) is offering **FREE Basic Computer Classes** (Adults) taught by employee and student volunteers: **Oct. 19, Nov. 2, Jan 11 and Feb. 1.** | 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. **HOT! HOT! HOT!** To register, call **Lorrie Nix** 478/988-6222, EXT 10090 ggd ☺

Senior Expo | **Friday/**
October 30th | 9:00 a.m. -
12:00 p.m. @ **Central**
Georgia Technical College

Senior Health Fair
Tuesday/November 17th
| 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. @
Wellston Center



**** Business Meeting In **November** | Business Meeting In **November** | Business Meeting In **November** | Business Meeting In **November** ****

Meeting Date/Time: Wednesday - September 23, 2015 | 10:00 a.m.
Guest Speaker: **Stacy Campbell**
Marketing/Communications Director
(Georgia National Fairgrounds)



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ALL: As your Chapter President and Editor I'm open to suggestions for our newsletter!

So please, keep your membership status/information current and get your newsworthy information and/or photographs to me as soon as possible!

Sincerely,

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"Relevance!"

NOTE: With the exception of **November, December** and "**special events**," our (monthly) meetings are held on the fourth (4th) Wednesday. As such, the newsletter is (usually) printed/mailed the third (3rd) Tuesday or Wednesday. We're **ALWAYS** "early" for the following month's special days/celebrations and SOMETIMES we're "early" for the current month's special days/celebrations as well. Upcoming Meetings/Events:

- Wednesday | 10/28/2015 | 10:00 a.m.
- Friday | 10/30/2015 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Senior Expo @ CGTC)
- Tuesday | 11/17/2015 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Health Fair @ Wellston Center)
- Wednesday | 11/18/2015 | 10:00 a.m. (THIRD WEDNESDAY - Business Meeting)
- Monday | 12/21/2015 | 10:00 a.m. (THIRD MONDAY - Christmas Meeting/Lunch) ggd☺



HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH
September 15 - October 15, 2015

Mes de la Herencia Hispana

During National Hispanic Heritage Month (**September 15 to October 15**) we recognize the contributions made and the important presence of Hispanic and Latino Americans to the United States and celebrate their heritage and culture.

Hispanics have had a profound and positive influence on our country through their strong commitment to family, faith, hard work, and service. They have enhanced and shaped our national character with centuries-old traditions that reflect the multiethnic and multicultural customs of their community.

Hispanic Heritage Month, whose roots go back to 1968, begins each year on **September 15**, the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Mexico, Chile and Belize also celebrate their independence days during this period and Columbus Day (Día de la Raza) is October 12.

The term **Hispanic** or **Latino**, refers to *Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race*. On the 2010 Census form, people of Spanish, Hispanic and/or Latino origin could identify themselves as Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or "another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin."

According to this Census, 50.5 million people or 16% of the population are of Hispanic or Latino origin. This represents a significant increase from 2000, which registered the Hispanic population at 35.3 million or 13% of the total U.S. population.

Please share in this special annual tribute by learning and celebrating the generations of Hispanic Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our nation and society. ggd ☺

The Value of Older Workers

On September 22, 2014 AARP held a "**Virtual Career Fair**" that featured several National Employers. That live event was a great way for anyone to reignite their career, search for a new

opportunity, meet potential employers and get job search advice ... all from the comfort of an internet connection.

Job seekers and employers have many challenges in meeting each other's needs. However, there's something about "**The Value Of An Older Worker!**"

Employer surveys indicate that older workers provide a pool of experienced labor that has proved to be productive, dedicated and loyal. Essentially, experience makes them better problem solvers, more reliable.

Physically healthy, not ready to stop working and perhaps not as financially comfortable as they'd like to be, tens of millions of older Americans are working today at ages when their parents and grandparents had retired.

Nearly a quarter-century ago, in 1991, only about 1 worker in 10 planned to stay in the workforce beyond age 65. Today, that number has risen to almost 4 in 10.

In 1991, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, some 30 percent of Americans age 55 or older were working. By 2013, the workforce participation rate for those 55-plus had passed 40 percent, and continually rises steadily. The federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission says the current era marks the first time in U.S. history when four generations — pre-boomers, boomers, Generation X and millennials — are engaged in the workforce at the same time.

The implications of this phenomenon are so far-reaching that it has become a key subject of academic interest. **AARP**, of course, has always studied, and advocated for, older workers. But today there are centers and academies all over the place, including the **Institute for Career Transitions** at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the **Center on Aging & Work** at Boston College and the **Center on Longevity** at Stanford University.

And now, as if to confirm that "**unretirement**" is an authentic American trend, Hollywood has jumped aboard. The charming new Warner Bros. film **The Intern**, scheduled for release **Sept. 25**, relates the tale of a retiree who takes an internship at a dot-com start-up. In his job application, the **70-year-old intern** (played by a gray-haired **Robert De Niro**) pinpoints the reasons employers should want an older worker. "I've always been a company man," he declares. "*I'm loyal, I'm trustworthy and I'm calm in a crisis.*"

Today's older workforce has several different permutations. Some people are so happy on the job they just don't stop.

- **Lou Bindner**, for example, has been with Climate Engineering since he started the firm 50 years ago. The famous investor **Warren Buffet** has a similar story: At **85**, he is still running the company he took over in the 1960s, and his partner, **Charlie Munger**, is **91**.
- Some workers formally retire from one career and jump into another. After three decades as a project management executive with IBM, **Mary Jackson** of Marietta, Ga., left the corporate office and became a fifth-grade teacher, at age **59**.
- A large number of older workers have moved to jobs, paid or volunteer, at charities and nonprofits. For example, AARP and the Peace Corps have a partnership that places seniors in volunteer jobs around the world. **Vivian Davis**, of Austin, Texas, signed on at age **78** and worked two years battling HIV/AIDS in rural South Africa.

"Think joining AARP makes you old? **Get over it!**"



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And if anybody tells you that new-business start-ups all begin with tattooed 20-somethings trading ideas on social media, many older entrepreneurs would sharply disagree. A Kauffman Foundation study found that **26 percent of all start-ups in 2015** were created by people ages **55 to 64**; in 1997, the figure had been 15 percent.

A Stronger Work Ethic - Economists almost universally agree that the surge in older workers is a *win*

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