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BIRTHDAYS FOR JULY ☺

Helen Daly	1 st	Trudy Deep	5 th	Leonard Hummel	7 th
Winona Smith	11 th	Ruth Bean	15 th	Shirley Murphy	16 th
Mable McCord	18 th	Sadie Holt	20 th	Ned Sanders	21 st
Bernice Fennell	23 rd	Maureen Echols	24 th	Judson LaRoche	27 th
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Happy Birthday! ☺

BIRTHDAYS FOR AUGUST ☺

Clyde Mathe	5 th	Vi Hanson	9 th	James Strawn	12 th
Leon Leonard	15 th	Virginia Lineberry	16 th	Sylvia Ellenberg	19 th
James Kling	26 th	Doris L. Edleman	27 th	Irene Eaves	28 th
Jeanette Attaway	29 th	Evelyn Boster	31 st	Dot Dauby	31 st

Happy Birthday! ☺

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

Attention All Members: "**Membership Has Its Privileges**" ... so keep your dues (only \$5.00/year) and membership directory information (address/phone number, etc) current! Thank you!

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Day Classes: Contact Lynn Partillo at 478/971-4473. **Evening Classes:** Contact Lamar Odom at 478/788-5121.

Note From The President

I hope all of you enjoyed your steak or chicken last month at **Outback Steakhouse**. When you go back to Outback again, please tell JJ or Matt how much you enjoyed and appreciated the lunch. I wrote a thank you note to owner, JJ, the day of the lunch.

We needed reservations for all who wanted to go to the lunch and you did sign the reservations sheet. We had a total of 87 to sign up for the lunch, but

only 73 to attend. For any future event requiring reservations, it would be appropriate to let your caller or either of the officers know when you will be unable to attend that event.

The raffle of the framed picture brought in \$58! Thank you for buying a chance.

One of our members was having a problem getting someone to mow the lawn. Having finally found a very nice young man to do the lawn work, **they agreed to do the same for any AARP member and family for 20 percent off the going rate**. I cannot personally vouch for this young man, but if you need help, you might give him a try. His name is **Harold Crafter** at 478/718-0693.

John Echols

Editor's Notes

Our Newsletter – *Choice* - is online! Visit www.Choice1952.com! Please get your newsworthy information to me as soon as possible!

Last month we featured **Mrs. Ivis Bedrick**. This month we're featuring **Mrs. Joyce Hutcherson**!

As **your** Editor I'm open to suggestions! Additionally, **please contact me to be featured in future newsletters!** I can be reached at **478/318-0471** and/or via e-mail at gdavismail@gmail.com!

Sincerely,

Greg (I'm Da Baby) Davis ☺ (ggd)

Member Spotlight



A "few years" ago, in Memphis Tennessee **Joe and Louise Heddy** welcomed a "bubbly" addition to their family with the birth of their first child me ... **Joyce Marie!** A few years

later mom, dad and I welcomed my younger brother, **Joe William Jr!** Dad was a fireman for the City of Memphis, and Mom worked at Wonder Bread bakery all my growing up years. Throughout school I loved music, drama and the language arts. After graduation from Overton High School in "the late 60s" (wink) I married **Bill Hutcherson**.

Bill and I met at church. I was singing in the choir, and I spotted this handsome young man with beautiful blue eyes. I was the youth group president so I invited him to youth group that night. He came and we began to date. What I did not know was that his sister was my Sunday School teacher! I would confide in her about this handsome/amazing man that I had met and she would pass it on to Bill without my knowing it. You can imagine my surprise when I found out! ☺

Bill and I moved to Wichita Falls, Texas for him to begin pilot training in the Air Force. While in Wichita Falls, our only daughter, **Lisla**, was born. This August Bill will officially retire from the Air Force Reserve! We have three beautiful grandchildren, **Lainey**, age 12, **Emma**, age 5 and **Nathan**, 15 months. They are the joy and delight of our lives! Truly they are "GRAND!"

All of my life I have enjoyed being around and helping older adults. In fact growing up we were blessed to have "Granny" – my grandmother **Maggie** (Heddy) - live with us for 12 years. It was (and continues to be) those precious memories and my love for her that was a catalyst for me and my desire to be involved with "older folks."

As we traveled in the Air Force, I was always involved in the *Senior Adult* ministry of the church we attended. When we moved to Warner Robins in 1975 we attended Second Baptist Church. I started the Senior Adult ministry there, called **XYZ (Extra Years of Zest)**! In 1990 I began working full time at the local Christian radio station - **WCOP**. While there I had opportunity to meet many of the leaders of our city.

In December of 1994 the position – **Director - Senior Citizens Services** - became available and in January 1995 I was officially "The Director!" I can truly say that every day is an adventure!

In this capacity I don't consider the opportunity to serve the best folks in the world (you) a job. I believe that God "**wired me up**" to minister to older adults, so this is the ministry that I was made for!

Each of you have blessed me in ways too numerous to count. When I look out over the groups I serve, I am truly humbled to have the privilege to serve you and to love you. I have gained much more than I have given. Thank you for loving me back.

I hope to continue to provide a place and many opportunities for us to make many more special memories together. You guys are the BEST ... I love you all!

And we love you too! Thank you **Joyce** for all that you and the Warner Robins Senior Citizens Center staff do! ☺ ggd

Comment Overheard At A Senior Citizen's Center:

If I knew I'd live this long I would have taken better care of myself. In fact, I'm so old ... all my friends in heaven will think I didn't make it!



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Notable Phrase: "Give Me A Break"

Colors: Yellow



Everyone Who Successfully Identifies The Winner Of Last Month's Framed Portrait - Raffled Off At Outback Steakhouse - Will Receive A Beverage Of Their Choice At The Next AARP Chapter 1952 Monthly Meeting! ☺ ggd

Talking Dog

A guy is driving around the back woods of Tennessee. Wait ... I think it was Georgia. On second thought I'm sure it was Kentucky! Anyway, he sees a sign in front of a broken down shanty-style house: **"Talking Dog For Sale."** He rings the door bell (yes, the old shanty-style house has a door bell) and the owner – a **crusty old geezer** - appears and tells him the dog is in the backyard.

The guy goes into the backyard and sees a nice looking Labrador retriever sitting there. **"You talk?"** he asks. **"Yep,"** the Lab replies.

After the guy recovers from the shock of hearing a dog talk, he says, **"So, what's your story?"**

The dog looks up and says, **"Well, I discovered that I could talk when I was pretty young. I wanted to help the government, so I told the CIA. In no time at all they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders; because no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping. I was one of their most valuable spies for eight years running."**

"But the jetting around really tired me out, and I knew I wasn't getting any younger so I decided to settle down. I signed up for a job at the airport to do some undercover security, wandering near suspicious characters and listening in." "I uncovered some incredible dealings and was awarded a batch of medals. I got married, had a mess of puppies, and now I'm just retired."

The guy is amazed. He goes back in and asks the **crusty old geezer** what he wants for the dog. **"Ten dollars,"** the **crusty old geezer** quickly says.

"Ten dollars? This dog is amazing! Why on earth are you selling him so cheap?"

"Because he's a liar. He never did any of that **!"** ☺ ggd

How Old Is Grandpa?

One evening a grandson was talking to his grandfather about current events. The grandson asked his grandfather what he thought about the shootings at schools, the computer age, and just things in general.

The Grandfather replied, "Well, let me think a minute, **I was born before: television, penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, contact lenses, Frisbees and the pill.** There **were** no credit cards, laser beams or ball-point pens. Man had not invented pantyhose, air conditioners, dishwashers, clothes dryers and the clothes were hung out to dry in the fresh air and man hadn't yet walked on the moon.

Your Grandmother and I got married first and then lived together. Every family had a father and a mother. Until I was 25, I called every man older than me, "Sir". And after I turned 25, I still called policemen and every man with a title, "Sir." We were before gay-rights, computer-dating, dual careers, daycare centers, and group therapy. **Our lives were governed by the Ten Commandments, good judgment, and common sense.** We were taught to know the difference between right and wrong and to stand up and take responsibility for our actions. **Serving your country was a privilege; living in this country was a bigger privilege.** We thought fast food was what people ate during Lent. Having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with your cousins. Draft dodgers were people who closed their front doors when the evening breeze started. And time-sharing meant time the family spent together in the evenings and weekends-not purchasing condominiums.

We never heard of FM radios, tape decks, CDs, electric typewriters, yogurt, or guys wearing earrings. We listened to the Big Bands, Jack Benny, and the President's speeches on our radios. And I don't ever remember any kid blowing his brains out listening to Tommy Dorsey. **If you saw anything with 'Made in Japan ' on it, it was junk.** The term 'making out' referred to how you did on your school exam. Pizza Hut, McDonald's, and instant coffee were unheard of. We had 5 & 10-cent stores where you could actually buy things for 5 and 10 cents. Ice-cream cones, phone calls, rides on a streetcar, and a Pepsi were all a nickel. And if you didn't want to splurge, you could spend your nickel on enough stamps to mail 1 letter and 2 postcards. You could buy a new Chevy Coupe for \$600 ... but who could afford one? Too bad, because **gas was 11 cents a gallon!**

In my day "**grass**" was mowed, "**coke**" was a cold drink, "**pot**" was something your mother cooked in and "**rock music**" was your grandmother's lullaby. "Aids" were helpers in the Principal's office, "chip" meant a piece of wood, "hardware" was found in a hardware store and "software" wasn't even a word.

And we were the last generation to actually believe that a lady needed a husband to have a baby. No wonder people call us "old and confused" and say there is a generation gap...

How old is grandpa? The answer is hidden somewhere in this newsletter! ☺ ggd



And a great time was had by all! Thanks to **J.J. Kirk** and the staff at **Outback Steakhouse** for the outstanding meals/service during last month's lunch! Pictured are (left to right) Floor Manager – **Kristen Garlow**, Assistant Kitchen Manager - **Ryan Tarpley** and Assistant Manager - **Matt Harbison**. For additional photographs please visit our website www.Choice1952.com! ☺ ggd

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Quick – What Is The Year, Make & Model Of This Car?



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