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Meeting Dates/Time: **Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>** and Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> | 10:00 A.M.

Location: Wellston Center - 152 Maple Street | Warner Robins, GA 31093

## June's "Meeting" Will Be Held At **Outback SteakHouse**

**3088 Watson Boulevard | Warner Robins, GA 31093**

# Time: 11:45 A.M.

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### BIRTHDAYS FOR JUNE ☺

Juanita Smith	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Franki Hodge	7 <sup>th</sup>	Sarah F. Mofford	8 <sup>th</sup>
Donna M. Kersey	9 <sup>th</sup>	June Harris	13 <sup>th</sup>	Palmer Craig	21 <sup>st</sup>
Wynelle Sando	26 <sup>th</sup>	Ruth Davis	26 <sup>th</sup>		

*Happy Birthday!* ☺

**BIRTHDAYS FOR JULY** ☺

Helen Daly	1 <sup>st</sup>	Trudy Deep	5 <sup>th</sup>	Leonard Hummel	7 <sup>th</sup>
Winona Smith	11 <sup>th</sup>	Ruth Bean	15 <sup>th</sup>	Shirley Murphy	16 <sup>th</sup>
Mable McCord	18 <sup>th</sup>	Sadie Holt	20 <sup>th</sup>	Ned Sanders	21 <sup>st</sup>
Bernice Fennell	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Maureen Echols	24 <sup>th</sup>	Judson LaRoche	27 <sup>th</sup>
Ruth Peck	29 <sup>th</sup>				

*Happy Birthday!* ☺

**WE CARE**

A **Sympathy** card was sent to the family of the late **Col. William J. Freeman, Jr.** (78) who recently passed. Col Freeman was a (national) member of AARP and other associations. "Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4

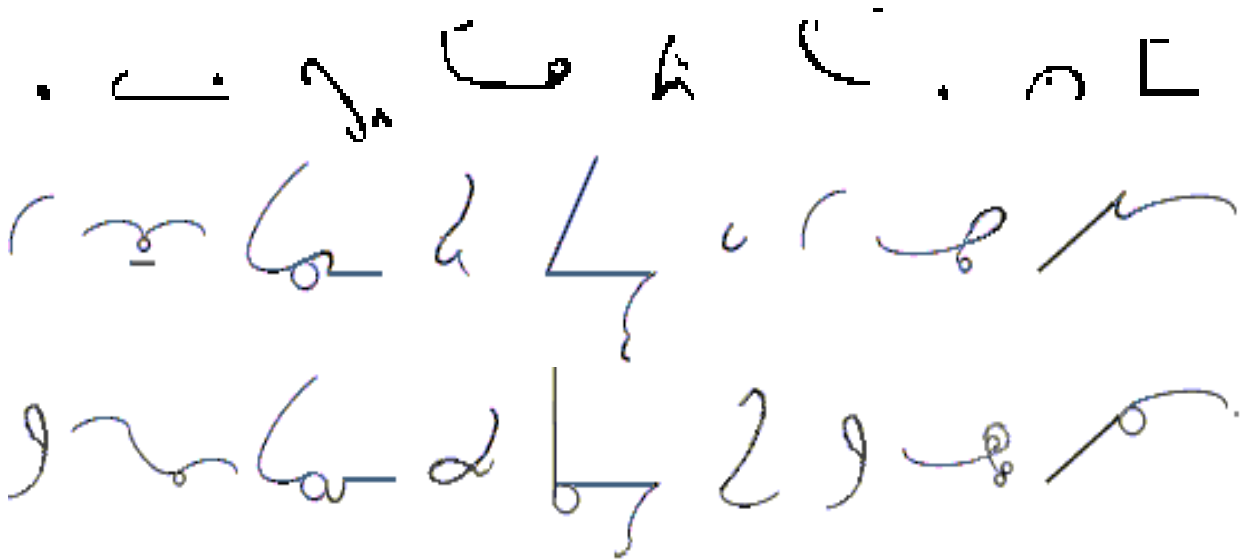
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**Attention All Members:** As you can see membership has its privileges such as **FREE** lunches! So keep your dues (only \$5.00/year) and membership directory information (address/phone number, etc) current! Thank you!

**AARP Defensive Driving Classes**

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## Editor's Notes

Our Newsletter – *Choice* - is online! Visit [www.Choice1952.com](http://www.Choice1952.com)! Please get your newsworthy information to me as soon as possible!

In last month's newsletter I mentioned I've been entertaining creating a section to showcase/highlight our chapter members. Well guess what ... this month's issue features a short "spotlight" of **Mrs. Ivis Bedrick**!

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](mailto:gdavismail@gmail.com)!

Sincerely,

**Greg (I'm Da Baby) Davis** ☺ (ggd)

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## Member Spotlight



Eighty some years ago in a small town in Illinois a first grandbaby was born to the **Chism** family. The grandma ran all over town telling of the arrival. Before **Ivis** started to school her family moved to

Alton, Illinois and she had the privilege of being walked to school (kindergarten and first grade) by the boy who didn't stop growing and became the giant of Alton, the tallest man in the world for many years - **Robert Wadlow**.

**Ivis** finished her education in the Alton schools, attended business college and went to work in Washington, DC after successfully passing a civil service exam. In 1941, the war year, she decided to join the Coast Guard Women's Reserve **SPARS** (Semper Paratus, Always Ready), did training at West Palm Beach and court reporting school in New York City, then was stationed in New Orleans and Mobile Alabama. There she met and married **Dusty Bedrick** who was in the Air Force. Upon his return from an overseas assignment she resigned so she could join him in various assignments including Fort Devens, Bedford Air Force Base, Washington, DC, McGuire AFB and Robins AFB.

He had remote assignments but she was able to accompany him to England and they traveled on the continent. Ivis did not work while overseas but spent time searching her roots, found some

cousins and visited the family homestead built in **1695**. Being in England during rationing she dreamed up all sorts of recipes using ground beef, an available item not used by the English. Interesting tidbit - her cousins would eat a peach a meal (1/2 each) since they were so expensive. We might be experiencing the same thing this summer with the shortage. When the cousins visited in Warner Robins Ivis served peaches by the bowlful - eat your fill!

Having lived in Warner Robins for 50 years she has seen unbelievable changes in the city including a surplus of housing and only 3 houses available when they arrived - one under construction and they bought it. **Ivis** is a member of the Pilot Club of Warner Robins, the Senior Citizens of Warner Robins and Centerville, NARFE, AARP (Chapter Secretary), and First Presbyterian Church. She contributes many volunteer hours to each and still has time to enjoy aerobics, read, garden (not much this year) and travel.

Thank you Miss Ivis for all that you do!  
☺ ggd

## Light Humor

A woman is in the bar of a cruise ship and she asks the bartender for **a scotch and two drops of water**. As the bartender gives her a drink she says, **"It's my birthday today and I'm on the cruise to celebrate my 80th birthday."**

The bartender says "Well, since it's your birthday I'll buy you a drink. In fact I'll take care of this one for you."

As the woman finishes her drink the woman to her right says, "I guess I should buy you a drink too."

The old woman says, "All right! Bartender I want **a scotch and two drops of water**." "OK!" says the bartender. As she finishes her drink, the man to her left says, "Since I'm the only one around you that hasn't bought you a drink I guess I might as well buy you one, too." The old woman says, "All right! Bartender I want **a scotch and two drops of water**." "Comin' right up!" the bartender says.

As he gives her the drink he says, "Ma'am, I'm dying of curiosity. **Why the scotch and only two drops of water?**"

The old woman replies, "Sonny, you learn that when you're my age, **you can hold your liquor but you sure can't hold your water.**" ☺ ggd

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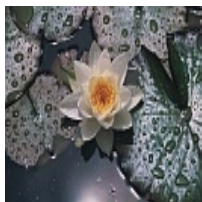
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**July**

**Birth Month Flower:** Water Lily

**Meaning:** Greek Origin – Delphis – Dolphin  
"Flight Of Fancy, Ardent Attachment, Agility"

**Colors:** Blue, Lavender, Red, White, Pink and Purple



**Independence Day**

In the United States, **Independence Day** (commonly known as "the **Fourth of July**" or "**July 4th**") is a federal holiday celebrating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, declaring independence from Great Britain. Independence Day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, beer, picnics, baseball games, and various other public and private events celebrating the history, government, and traditions of the United States. Fireworks have been associated with the Fourth of July since 1777.

**Independence Day**, the **only** holiday that celebrates the United States, is a national holiday marked by patriotic displays. Similar to other summer-themed events, Fourth of July celebrations often take place outdoors. Independence Day is a federal holiday, so all non-essential federal institutions (like the postal service and federal courts) are closed on that day. Many politicians make it a point on this day to appear at a public event to praise the nation's heritage, society and people. Speeches and editorials may invoke American Revolutionary themes such as the founding fathers (including John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, and George Washington), the Constitution, the Liberty Bell, and democratic principles such as liberty, freedom, equality under the law, inalienable rights, and representative government.

Families often mark the Fourth of July with a picnic or barbecue, and take advantage of the long weekend or off-day to gather with relatives. Decorations (e.g., streamers, balloons, and clothing) generally are colored red, white, and blue due to the colors of the American Flag. Because Independence Day is in the summer, bathing suits have once in a while been given the American flag design. Parades are often held in the morning, baseball games played (July 4th being nearly halfway into the baseball season), and fireworks displays in public parks in the evening. Other traditions include face painting for children and tossing of a football or frisbee.

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