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BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY ☺

H. Jay Walker	6 th	Freda Fairfield	7 th	Theresa Godt	7 th
Howard Jordan	13 th	Lyn Caskey	13 th	Evelyn Mickels	14 th
John Padgett	16 th	Bob Watson	17 th	Pierce Castleberry, Jr.	18 th
Walter Huckeba	20 th	John Morris	22 nd	LeoKadia Kolodziej	23 rd
Lenora Price	24 th	Marilou Dixon	27 th	John Echols	28 th

Happy Birthday! ☺

BIRTHDAYS FOR JUNE ☺

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

Happy Birthday! ☺

WE CARE

A **Get Well** card was sent to **Vi Hanson**. Vi was recently hospitalized for diabetic complications however, she has been released back home. We wish her – and others continued health. A **Sympathy** card was sent to Rosita Huckeba & Family on the passing of Rosita's mother **Clara Prewitt** (93). **Of Note:** Former Chapter members **Carl Hilton** (73) (husband of Minnie Hilton) and **Ernest Tischer** (97) recently passed. "Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4

Attention All Members: Don't forget to pay your membership dues for 2007 - \$5.00 each! Also make sure to keep your records updated with any changes!

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National Senior
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Day Set For
Wednesday, May
30, 2007

On Wednesday, May 30, 2007, an estimated 150,000 older adults will participate in local

May's Program will feature **Tiffany Thomas** – Supervisor/Social Services of **Department Of Family And Children Services (DFACS)** – 478/988-7503.

Editor's Notes

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

I've been entertaining the thought of creating a "**Meet Our Members**" section profiling members of our chapter! We all have gifts, talents, skills, hobbies, stories and unique experiences ... let's share them with others! I'd also like to include photos ("old", recent ... it doesn't matter)!

As **your** Editor I'm open to suggestions! So contact me at **478/318-0471** and/or via e-mail at gdavismail@gmail.com!

Sincerely,

Greg (I'm Da Baby) Davis ☺ (ggd)

Last week we celebrated **Mother's Day**. Like some folks I never knew the origin of this "celebration" so this is what I learned about Mother's Day ...

The ancient Greeks dedicated their annual spring festival to Rhea, the wife of Cronus and mother of various deities. The Romans called the event the Hilaria, by making offerings in the temple of Cybele, the mother of the deities on the Ides of March.

Early Christians celebrated the festival on the fourth Sunday in Lent in honor of the Virgin Mary, adorning churches with jewels, flowers and expensive gifts. In England, an ecclesiastical order decreed the dedication as **Mothers Sunday**.

The event was not celebrated nationally in the United States until Julia Ward Howe suggested Mother's Day in 1872. In 1877, on the second Sunday of May, Juliet Calhoun Blakeley stepped in for the Reverend Myron Daughterty when the reverend became distraught, apparently because an anti-temperance group had forced his son to spend the night in a saloon.

Proud of their mother's achievement, Charles and Moses Blakeley encouraged others to honor a Mother's Day. In the 1880's the Methodist church began celebrating Mother's Day in Blakeley's honor.

Various efforts were made to honor Mother's Day nationally in the US but it received official recognition only after

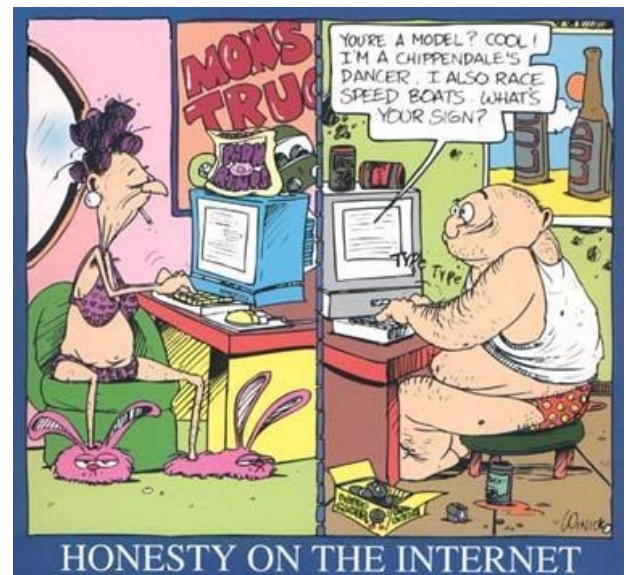
Anna Jarvis organized a series of Mother's Day Work Clubs. The first Mother's Day was celebrated in Grafton, West Virginia, on May 10, 1908, in the church where Jarvis' mother had taught Sunday School. (Grafton is the home to the International Mother's Day Shrine.)

The Mother's Day International Association was founded on 12 December 1912, and on 7 May 1914 President Woodrow Wilson designated the second Sunday of May as Mother's Day in the US.

Although Mother's Day is honored internationally, Mothering Sunday is still celebrated in many countries.

Now you know more about Mother's Day just as I do! ☺ ggd

Light Humor



Three Elderly Sisters

Three sisters, ages **92**, **94**, and **96**, live in a house together. One night the **96-year-old** draws a bath. She puts one foot in and pauses. She yells down the stairs, "Was I getting in or out of the bath?"

The **94-year-old** yells back, "I don't know. I'll come up and see." She starts up the stairs and pauses. Then she yells out, "Was I going up the stairs or down?"

The **92-year-old** is sitting at the kitchen table having tea and listening to her sisters. She shakes her head and says, "I sure hope I never get that forgetful." She knocks on wood for good measure. She then replies, "**I'll come up and help both of you as soon as I see who's at the door.**"

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Memorial Day



Memorial Day is a United States federal holiday that is observed on the final Monday of May (observed this year on 2007-05-28). It was formerly known as **Decoration Day**. This holiday commemorates U.S. men and women who have died in military service to their country. It began first to honor Union soldiers who died during the American Civil War. After World War I, it expanded to include those who died in any war or military action. One of the longest standing traditions is the running of the Indianapolis 500, which has been held in conjunction with Memorial Day since 1911.

Many people observe this holiday by visiting cemeteries and memorials. A national moment of remembrance takes place at 3 pm Washington time. Another tradition is to fly the U.S. Flag at half-staff from dawn until noon local time. Volunteers place a U.S. Flag upon each grave site located in a National Cemetery.

Memorial Day formerly occurred on May 30, and some, such as the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), advocate returning to this fixed date, although the significance of the date is tenuous. On June 28, 1968, the United States Congress passed the **Uniform Holidays Bill**, which moved Memorial Day (and three other holidays) from their traditional dates to a specified **Monday** in order to create a convenient three-day weekend. That change moved Memorial Day from its traditional May 30 date to the **last Monday in May**. The law took effect at the federal level in 1971. Hawaii's Senator Daniel Inouye, a World War II veteran, has repeatedly introduced measures to return Memorial Day to its traditional day since 1998. Additionally, the VFW - in a 2002 Memorial Day Address - stated, *"Changing the date merely to create three-day weekends has undermined the very meaning of the day. No doubt, this has contributed greatly to the general public's nonchalant observance of Memorial Day."*

Regardless, in addition to remembrance, Memorial Day is also a time for picnics, family gatherings, and sporting events. Some Americans view Memorial Day as the unofficial **beginning** of summer and **Labor Day** as the unofficial **end** of the season. The national **Click-It-Or-Ticket** campaign ramps up beginning Memorial Day weekend, noting the beginning of the most dangerous season for auto accidents and other safety related incidents. The USAF **"101 Critical Days Of Summer"** also begin on this day as well. Some Americans use Memorial Day to also honor any family members who have died, not just service members.

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Did You Know?

- **Milk chocolate** was invented by Daniel Peter, who sold the concept to his neighbor Henri Nestlé.
- An **ounce of chocolate** contains about 20 mg of caffeine.
- **Forks**, mostly being two-tined, used to be known as "split spoons."
- **TIP** is the acronym for "To Insure Promptness."
- **Coffee** is the seed of a cherry from the tree genus Coffea
- **Three quarters of fish caught** are eaten - the rest is used to make things such as glue, soap, margarine and fertilizer.
- In September 1999 Dustin Philips of the US set a Guinness World Record by drinking a 400 ml (14-oz) bottle of tomato sauce through a straw in 33 seconds.
- **To make one kilo of honey** bees have to visit 4 million flowers, traveling a distance equal to 4 times around the earth.
- There are more than **10,000 varieties of tomatoes**.
- The **can opener** was invented 48 years after cans were introduced.

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