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BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER ☺

Joan Evans	4 th	Suzanne Baer	6 th	Thelma Padgett	7 th
Lena Farr	10 th	Agnes Bell	14 th	Mae Lamendola	15 th
Sam Hendry	20 th	William Hyslip	22 nd	Joyce Lanier	25 th
Jean Tucker	27 th				

Happy Birthday! ☺

BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER ☺

Nancy Harrison	3 rd	Jannie McMullen	4 th	Betty Lou Lovain	10 th
Mary George	10 th	Glenda Walker	16 th	Becky Kling	16 th
William Hancock	17 th	Pat Sutton	18 th	Wymann Hartley	23 rd
Ferrell McCord	23 rd	Ernest Braun	24 th	Jocelyn P. Berry	26 th
Maggie Jones	27 th	Jan Rachels	31 st		

Happy Birthday! ☺

WE CARE

A **Get Well Card** was sent to **David Cunningham** (Bypass Surgery). 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)**

Sympathy Cards were sent to **Mr. William H. Roy, Jr** – comfort for the passing of his son and **Louise Mullis** – comfort for the passing of her granddaughter. **Yvonne Moore** recently passed. "Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted."

Matthew 5:4

Attention Readers Of This Newsletter:

"Local Chapter Membership" Has Its Rewards And Privileges! Members: Please keep your dues (only \$5.00/year) and membership directory information (birthday, address/phone number, etc) current! If you are **NOT** a member of our local chapter **but** you are a member of AARP please consider joining us ... only \$5.00/year! Thank you! ggd ☺

Notes From The President

2007 Christmas Party

This year's Christmas Party will be Friday, December 14th at 5:00 p.m. This is to be a "dress-up" occasion! **Catered Menu:** Roast Pork Loin, Sweet Potato Soufflé, Green Bean Casserole, Waldorf Fruit Salad, Light Rolls, Cake, Iced Tea And Coffee. Cost for **PAID UP**

MEMBERS: \$5.00. GUESTS/ NONMEMBERS: \$8.00. Reservations /Payment Must Be Made In Advance.

Contact Howard/Grace Jordan (478/929-2202) and/or Sue Braun (478/329-8294) **Cutoff: December 6, 2007.**

Slate of officers nominated for 2008 - President, John Echols; Vice President, Allison Caruso; Secretary, Ivis Bedrick; Treasurer, Nancy Harrison. Board of Directors: Suzanne Burgess, Grace Jordan, Betty Lou Lovain, Phyllis Blount, Maureen Echols, Rosita Huckeba and Howard Jordan. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at November's meeting with approval of nominee.

Congratulations to **Howard and Grace Jordan** on their 65th Wedding Anniversary (November 9th)!

John Echols

Editor's Notes

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

Our member's exciting life experiences have been informative, educational and inspirational!

As **your** Editor I'm open to suggestions for our newsletter! Additionally, **please contact me to be featured in future newsletters!**

Our newsletter - in addition to being online – is distributed to members, non-members and businesses. If **ANYONE** is interested in advertising in our newsletter please contact me at **478/318-0471** and/or via e-mail at gdavismail@gmail.com!

Sincerely,

Greg (I'm Da Baby) Davis ☺ (ggd)

Member Spotlight

This little girl in the picture was born December 10th in the "late 30s" on a cold-windy-snowy day in Little Rock, Iowa to Raymon and Grace (Solma) Feldman. Her name (my name) ... **Betty Lou!** My two older sisters (Katherine and Ruth) were excited about me as their new little sister. However, (believe it or not) I was very tiny and very ill from a bad vitamin D deficiency called "rickets." My bones were so soft I had to be carried on bed pillows. Due to my illness I cried ALL the time so eventually my maternal Grandmother came to live with us and help take care of me.

According to my sisters Grandmother always told them over and over - "Be careful ... don't drop her!" They didn't drop me (at least I don't remember them dropping) and eventually I got well! Then lo and behold they sometimes got "stuck" baby sitting me!

Sometimes, when mom and dad were gone Katherine and Ruth would put me in a big bottom cupboard in the kitchen and didn't let me out until almost time for mom and dad to return! They "bribed" me with nail polish to keep me from telling mom and dad what they did. To this day I still love nail polish!



When I was 3 years old dad moved us to Bluffton, Ohio. Sadly, shortly thereafter he died at the early age of 40. Mama took us to Ellsworth, Minnesota to live and then to Sioux Falls, South Dakota - the city and state I've continue to claim as home. I grew up there - attended Hawthorne Grade School and in June 1956 graduated from Washington High School. Later on I attended and graduated from The South Dakota School Of Cosmetology.

In November 1956 I married **Robert Kesterson** - a military man! We were (are) blessed to have three very intelligent, handsome and wonderful sons - **Robert** (Junior) who lives with his wife **Christy** in North Carolina; **Raymond** who lives with his wife **Rose Anne** in Kennesaw Georgia; and **Rodrick** who lives with his wife **Kristy** and their children – my 2 darling grandsons and 2 granddaughters – in Mobile Alabama!

As a military family we traveled a lot - South Dakota, Minnesota, Missouri, Italy, Germany, The Philippines and eventually to Georgia.

Shortly after arriving in Georgia Robert and I divorced. However, I later met and married **Thomas Lovain**. Our family enjoyed some great times together until - in 1989 - Thomas lost his battle with cancer.

For many years I was a professional cosmetologist and occasionally a waitress at the Officer's Club (Robins Air Force Base) where I met the "**daughter I never had**" - **Cindy Arbuckle** – who has been a tremendous blessing in my life!

I've lived here for 38+ years and continue to be active in many areas. My hobbies include traveling, swimming, reading, walking and dancing. I'm the President of the Ted Wright Social Club, on the Board Of Directors of the local Chapter (#1952) AARP, and actively involved with the Centerville (Georgia) Senior Citizens Club and other organizations! My motto: ***Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well preserved body ... but rather to skid in broadside, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and proclaiming "Wow ... what a ride!"*** ☺ ggd

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Thank You Card From the 31st Combat Support Hospital

** Information Provided By Suzanne Burgess **

Our Chapter (#1952) is among several organizations that participate in the **Hearts To Heroes** program which sends various "care packages" to our deployed military members. This thank you card was received on Friday, October 26, 2007 from the 31st Combat Support Hospital in Iraq. According to **Myra Foskey** – Coordinator of the local **Hearts To Heroes** program – the local chapter shipped 17 boxes to them back in September!

Dear ms. myra Foskey,
Greetings from Iraq 31st
CSH. How are you doing? I hope
that all is well. CPT Navarro gave
us the boxes to go through for our
soldiers & let me tell you that
they loved it! People were
practically crawling over each
other trying to get things. LOL!
So, we want to thank you &
the community for helping
support our soldiers. I would
like for you to know that if it
weren't for people back home
that support us, we at the
hospital would not be able to
do our jobs, so thank you for
your kindness, thoughtfulness
& support.

We plan on using many of
the items that the soldiers did
not see yesterday for our

Halloween party + Haunted House
to bring morale up + to bring
a little bit of home here. So
once again thank you!

Thank you,
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Black Friday is the day after American Thanksgiving and is the beginning of the traditional Christmas shopping season in the United States. Since Thanksgiving falls on the fourth Thursday in November in the United States, Black Friday may be as early as the 23rd and as late as the 29th day of November. Retailers often decorate for the Christmas season weeks beforehand. Many retailers open very early (typically 5 A.M.) and offer "doorbuster" deals and "loss-leaders" to draw people to their stores. Although Black Friday, as the first shopping day after Thanksgiving, has served as the unofficial beginning of the Christmas season at least since the start of the modern Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in 1924, the term "Black Friday" has been traced back only to the 1970s. "Black Friday" was originally so named because of the heavy traffic on that day,

although most contemporary uses of the term refer instead to it as the beginning of the period in which retailers are in the black (i.e., turning a profit).

The news media frequently refer to Black Friday as the busiest retail shopping day of the year, but this is not always accurate. While it has been one of the busiest days in terms of customer traffic, in terms of actual sales volume, from 1993 through 2001 Black Friday was usually the fifth to tenth busiest day. In 2002 and 2004, however, Black Friday ranked second place. The busiest retail shopping day of the year in the United States (in terms of both sales and customer traffic) usually has been the Saturday before Christmas. In 2003 and 2005, however, Black Friday actually did reach first place.

In some cities it's not uncommon to see shoppers lined up hours before stores with big sales open. Once inside the stores shoppers often rush and grab, as many stores have only a few of the big draw items. Electronics and popular toys are often the most sought after items and may be sharply discounted. Because of the shoulder-to-shoulder crowds, many choose to stay home and avoid the hectic shopping experience. The local media often will cover the event, mentioning how early the shoppers began lining up at various stores and providing video of the shoppers standing in line and later leaving with their purchased items. Traditionally Black Friday sales were intended for those shopping for Christmas gifts. For some particularly popular items, some shop these sales in order to get deep discounts on items they can then resell, typically online.

Well, Thanksgiving has come and gone and I'm sure everyone got to experience the mad rush during "Black Friday" and the days leading up to Christmas. Since Christmas is literally "just around the corner" here are some "Politically Correct" concerns to keep in mind:

The Politically Correct Night Before Christmas

(As Read From The Left Column Top To Bottom Then The Right Column Top To Bottom)

'Twas the night before Christmas and Santa's a
wreck...
How to live in a world that's politically **correct**?
His workers no longer would answer to "**Elves**",
"Vertically Challenged" they were calling **themselves**.

And labor conditions at the North **Pole**
Were alleged by the union to stifle the **soul**.
Four reindeer had vanished, without much **propriety**,
Released to the wilds by the Humane **Society**.

And equal employment had made it quite **clear**
That Santa had better not use just **reindeer**.
So Dancer and Donner, Comet and **Cupid**,
Were replaced with 4 pigs, and you know that looked
stupid!

The runners had been removed from his **sleigh**;
The ruts were termed dangerous by the **E.P.A.**
And people had started to call for the **cops**
When they heard sled noises on their **roof-tops**.

Second-hand smoke from his pipe had his workers
quite **frightened**.

His fur trimmed red suit was called "**Unenlightened**."
And to show you the strangeness of life's ebbs and
flows,

Rudolph was suing over unauthorized use of his
nose

And had gone on Geraldo, in front of the **nation**,
Demanding millions in over-due **compensation**.
So, half of the reindeer were gone; and his **wife**,
Who suddenly said she'd enough of this **life**,

Joined a self-help group, packed, and left in a **whiz**,
Demanding from now on her title was **Ms**.
And as for the gifts, why, he'd ne'er had a **notion**
That making a choice could cause so much
commotion.

Nothing of leather, nothing of **fur**,
Which meant nothing for him. And nothing for **her**.
Nothing that might be construed to **pollute**.
Nothing to aim. Nothing to **shoot**.

Nothing that clamored or made lots of **noise**.
Nothing for just girls. Or just for the **boys**.
Nothing that claimed to be gender **specific**.
Nothing that's warlike or non-**pacifist**.

No candy or sweets...they were bad for the **tooth**.
Nothing that seemed to embellish a **truth**.
And fairy tales, while not yet **forbidden**,
Were like Ken and Barbie, better off **hidden**.

For they raised the hackles of those **psychological**
Who claimed the only good gift was one **ecological**.
No baseball, no football... someone could get **hurt**;
Besides, playing sports exposed kids to **dirt**.

Dolls were said to be sexist, and should be **passed**;
And Nintendo would rot your entire brain **away**.
So Santa just stood there, disheveled, **perplexed**;
He just could not figure out what to do **next**.

He tried to be merry, tried to be **gay**,
But you've got to be careful with that word **today**.
His sack was quite empty, limp to the **ground**;
Nothing fully acceptable was to be **found**.

Something special was needed, a gift that he **might**
Give to all without angering the left or the **right**.
A gift that would satisfy, with no **indecision**,
Each group of people, every **religion**;

Every ethnicity, every **hue**,
Everyone, everywhere...even **you**.
So here is that gift, it's price beyond **worth**...
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Merry Christmas!
Happy Hanukkah!
Happy Kwanzaa!
Feliz Navidad!

