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Summer Smarts: Keep your home safe while you are away

by **KELVIN COLLINS**
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With an estimated 136 million Americans going on at least one vacation this summer, safety and security precautions are a must. Proactive measures can help consumers keep their home safe from fire, carbon monoxide, and the threat of burglary while they are away.

The Better Business Bureau and home security pioneer, ADT are offering the following safety tips for homeowners during the summer season:

- Be careful about the vacation details you share via social media. Burglars can use posts on Twitter or Facebook to determine when you'll be away. More than one third (35%) of Americans polled in ADT's Safety Data Index survey said they believed their home is too ordinary and would not interest a burglar. However, a vacant home could be enough to attract unwanted attention, so be careful about broadcasting your travel plans.
- Lock your doors even when you're gone for a brief amount of time. Two thirds (67%) of Americans surveyed for the Safety Data Index agree they do more to protect their homes when they are going away for

a night than when they are just leaving for a few hours. But, according to the FBI, more than half (53%) of home burglaries happen during the day, so homeowners should secure doors and windows every time they leave their home.

- **Keep an inventory.** Take the time to go through your house and make a detailed inventory of your belongings. Your inventory could be a paper list, pictures, video or a combination but be sure to notate the serial numbers or any blemishes that would make your property easily identifiable. For electronics, such as televisions, DVD players and game consoles, use a black marker to write your name, address, phone number and maybe your driver's license number on the back or bottom of the unit. This writing won't be noticed by a thief trying to get out of your home quickly but it will be noticed by the pawn shop during their inspection or the police once the criminal is caught.

- **Check your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors every month.** Summer marks the beginning of hurricane season, and if a generator needs to be used in a power outage, a quick test of your monitored life safety devices can help keep your family safe from potentially dangerous fumes.

- **Keep hedges and bushes**

around your home trimmed, so burglars don't have places to hide and ask neighbors to pick up your paper and remove the trashcan from the road.

If you want to relax on vacation, make sure your vacation planning includes securing your home while you are gone. If you choose to contract with a security company, find trustworthy companies and check out their BBB Business Review first at bbb.org.

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You're encouraged to compete in the Georgia Golden Olympics... REGISTER NOW!

Submitted by
MARY ALICE EALER

If you are competitive, interested in meeting new friends, or just having fun, plan to participate in the 31st annual Georgia Golden Olympics scheduled to be held September 18-21, 2013 in the city of Warner Robins. The annual competition is open to ages 50 and older. Events include tennis, golf, swimming, track and field, cycling, bowling, 5K run and walk, horseshoes, billiards, Wii bowling and much more. Ballroom dancing will be offered again this year and Pickleball will be offered for the first time. Events are divided into age categories and medals are awarded for each.

A registration fee of \$40.00 allows the participant to enter three events. Additional events are \$6.00 each. Bowling, tennis, golf, cycling and archery require an additional fee. Fees are non-refundable. All registrations must be received by August 1.

The Georgia Golden Olympics is a qualifying site for the National Senior Games Association and quali-

fies athletes in even years for the National competition, held in odd years. The 2013 National Games will be held in Cleveland, Ohio in July-August 2013. Over 500 athletes qualified in Georgia for the upcoming National games.

The purpose of the Georgia Golden Olympics is to create an awareness of the abilities of older adults, to maintain and improve health and wellness and to promote an interest in lifetime sports, recreation and physical activity. The competition is coordinated by the Georgia Department of Human Resources, Division of Public Health; Robins Air Force Base, Services Divisions; Georgia Recreation and Parks Association, Senior Citizens Section; Georgia Nursing Home Association; the University of Georgia, J. W. Fanning Institute for Leadership and Community Development and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

For more information/registration form call Warner Robins Recreation Department Senior Activity Center 478-293-1066, Georgia Golden Olympics office at 770-867-3603, or go to the Website www.georgiagoldenolympics.org.

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Randall Neff competing in the 2012 Georgia Golden Olympics Swimming.

The Next Chapter

Book Recommendations by
ANNE B. JONES, PhD

The God of Animals, Aryn Kyle,
Scribner, 2007

Although Aryn Kyle's *The God of Animals* has been out several years, I didn't hear about it until recently. I took a chance on listening to it on CD and I am glad. Kyle's character development and realistic portrayal of a young girl coming of age blew me away. Upon being interviewed about her writing she stated that her work generally begins with the formation of her characters and her plots evolve from their flaws and desires.

According to Kyle, *The God of All Animals* began as a short story. This may have contributed to the author's ability to vividly condense and portray people, and animals with such identifiable and believable personalities. Set on a horse ranch in Colorado, the story revolves around twelve-year-old Alice

Winston and the events that force her into rapid maturity.

After her older sister marries a rodeo cowboy, Alice is left to contend with a loving but demanding father and dysfunctional mother. With no other help available, the father relies on her to fill the void her sister left behind. Desperate for money, the two take in horses of the local pampered rich, hoping to earn a decent living from riding lessons, breeding and boarding fees.

Already burdened by adult responsibilities, Alice enters into the world of the adults who surround her, eavesdropping on their conversations and observing their interactions. She acquires a new state of awareness, becoming conscious of class differences, the power of wealth, and the contrast between her life and the clients she serves. Soon, Alice's life becomes intertwined with a struggling young rider taunted by others and a beautiful woman her father

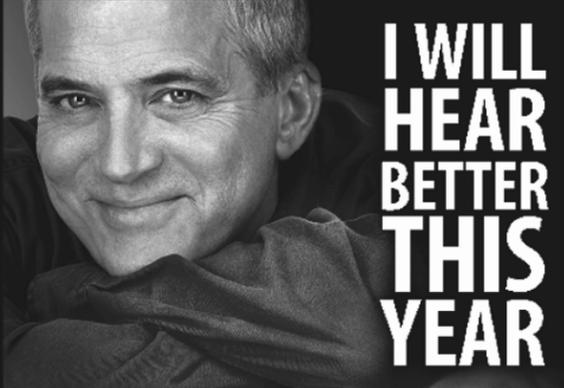
comes to love. She soon realizes those who appear to have everything are as vulnerable as she is, their beauty and clothes a façade.

When her older sister returns with her husband, there is new hope for the ranch, but also new challenges. As Alice tests adolescent boundary after boundary, a series of tragedies dash the family's dreams and

hard truths emerge.

The novel realistically depicts the struggles many go through in attempting to balance love, duty and self-identity, and, how lives can be changed in an instant by accident, anger, and kindness.

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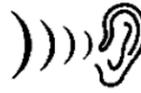


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The Future of A Nation. How We Live Impacts Our Country – For Better or Worse

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Dr. Charles Stanley

Is it possible to predict a nation's future? We may not be able to foresee specific events, but can we anticipate things such as blessings and liberty or poverty and oppression? Some would say yes – that we can simply analyze what has happened in other nations, listen to political commentators, and study the history of that particular country to see what the future holds. Others believe that it is entirely unpredictable.

I believe that a simple yet powerful biblical principle can indicate where a nation is headed: You will reap what you sow, more than you sow, and later than you sow.

Galatians 6:7-8 says, "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life." In short, what we do today always has consequences, many of which we never anticipate.

Let's consider the different components of these verses.

"Do not be deceived; God is not mocked." In other words, stop lying

to yourself that you will be the exception to the rule. A person who sows wickedness will not escape the harvest of his or her actions. When the Lord gives a law, it is immutable – whether a person believes it or not. In Greek, the term mock (v. 7) means "to turn the nose up at someone." People attempt to mock the Lord when they decide to rebel against Him even though they know the truth.

"Sowing to the flesh." This refers to indulging the "self" – surrendering to our tendency to sin. Paul wrote, "The deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these" (Gal. 5:19-21). Those who practice lives of sin will eventually experience corruption, suffering, and death. No one is exempt from the Bible's principle of sowing and reaping.

"Sowing to the Spirit." This means we surrender to the Holy Spirit and allow Christ to live His life through us. Galatians 5:22-23 says, "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." Those who are generous, loving, and forgiving will reap the beautiful harvest of those virtues. It doesn't mean we will never have trouble, heartache, or conflict. But if we sow to the Spirit, you and I will have supernatural peace in the midst of difficulty.

"The one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life." We don't earn our way into heaven through good deeds. (See Ephesians 2:8-9.) Every believer will have to give an account of how he or she lived. If we sowed to the Spirit – lived godly lives here on earth – we will reap eternal rewards.

So what is our scriptural responsibility? First, we need to stand up and live out the godly lives we profess to have. Second, speak up. Don't be ashamed of the name of our Savior. One day, "every knee will bow... and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord" (Phil. 2:10-11). Live today and every day believing that promise. Third, cry out to God to change the direction of your nation. He promises He will respond to that prayer (2 Chron. 7:14).

We reap what we sow, more than we sow, and later than we sow – This fundamental biblical principle is true both in our personal lives and in the life of our nation. We cannot mock God's law and continue to enjoy His blessings. Many countries have essentially said, "We don't need you, God." And they will soon experience consequences for rejecting the sovereign Lord.

What about you? Are you sowing primarily to the Spirit or to your flesh? Always make sure your life is contributing to the spiritual health of your nation, not detracting from it.

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Spiritual Notes

A Father's Role

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An old Chinese proverb says:

If there is light in the soul, there will be beauty in the person.

If there is beauty in the person, there will be harmony in the house.

If there is harmony in the house,

*there will be order in the nation.
If there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world.*

Harmony in the home is the God-given responsibility of each family member. We have recently celebrated Father's Day and as I reflected on this Proverb it reminds me of my role in the family. I encourage all fathers to examine their role as "the man of the house." Are you the husband, father and grandfather that brings harmony, beauty, love and security to your home?

As men we need to "step up" and take our role in the home seriously. We will miss a few swings, but eventually we hit a home run. Dr. Billy Graham says, "In my judgement, a nation cannot rise higher than its home life. Bitterness, crime, alienation, even war, starts in the home." We must set the right

example for our children, neighbors and fellow-workers.

As believers, we know that to "be light" we must know "The Light of the World." This is the beginning of the beauty that leads to harmony that will lead to order, which will lead to peace, peace in the home, and in the world.

It is said that people relate to God, our Heavenly Father, in the same way we relate to our earthly father. Fathers, husbands, and grandfathers, I challenge you to take a critical look at the role you play in your home.

Let us thank God, our Heavenly Father, for the example He gave us through His son Jesus. There is no better role model than this.

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Taking Care

Summertime can be stressful... Here's how to keep your cool!

by LISA M. PETSCHÉ

The mild temperatures and increased daylight of summer can positively affect people's mood and allow new opportunities for enjoyment.



Lisa Petsche

On the flip side, summer sun, heat and smog can be harmful to older adults, especially those whose health is already fragile. If you are a caregiver, you must be extra vigilant as temperatures soar.

Perhaps, like the relative you care for, you have health conditions or take medications that increase your sensitivity to the sun or heat. In any case, if you are not a fan of balmy weather, you may find yourself feeling not only physically uncomfortable but also irritable, especially during heat waves.

So how do you keep your cool emotionally during the dog days of summer? Read on for a variety of suggestions.

General Tips

- Establish and stick to priorities, and curb perfectionism. Not everything needs to be done to a high standard.
- Be flexible about plans and expectations. Take things one day at a time.
- Ask other family members to help out and be specific about what is needed.
- Pay for help if you can afford it – for example, a dog walker, house-cleaning service or grounds keeping.
- If you do not have central air conditioning, get a window air conditioner or oscillating fan for the room(s) you use most.

Meal Preparation

- Collect recipes for one-dish meals, such as stir-fries and main course salads.
- Cook double batches of recipes and freeze half for later.
- Keep a supply of heat-and-serve entrees in the freezer.
- Buy convenience foods, such as packaged salads, that reduce preparation time.
- Order takeout once a week.

Housekeeping

- Concentrate cleaning and tidying efforts on the rooms that are used the most.
- Do full loads of laundry whenever possible. Ensure everyone in the household has enough basic clothing to last for a week. Buy clothing that can be machine-washed and dried and resists wrinkles.

Yard Maintenance

- For gardening, stick to low-maintenance flowers and shrubs. Use mulch to discourage weed growth.
- Get a mulching lawn mower so you do not have to bag grass. Or hire a neighborhood youth to cut the lawn.

Financial Management

- Arrange with the bank for direct deposit of pension checks and automatic withdrawal of bills.
- If you have a computer, sign up for internet banking so you can pay bills, transfer money and check balances from home.

Shopping and Errands

- Shop by mail order.
- For gift giving occasions, purchase gift cards or give cash.
- Take advantage of stores and other services that offer home delivery.
- Research mobile services in your area, such as hairdressing and dog grooming.
- Coordinate errands and avoid peak use times of the day, week or month when visiting stores, banks, government offices and other establishments.
- If your relative can safely be left alone but either of you is anxious about the prospect, supply him or her with a portable phone and get yourself a cell phone so you can stay in touch. A personal emergency response system may also help put your mind at ease.

Care for your Relative

- Find out about community support services, including respite care options, and take advantage of them. Information can be obtained from your local office on aging.
- If finances permit, hire a personal support worker or companion for your relative so you can get out more

often.

Care for Yourself

- Look after your health: eat nutritious meals, get adequate rest, exercise and schedule regular medical checkups.
- Do something you enjoy every day: read, listen to music or take up a hobby.
- Cultivate a healthy sense of humor. Read the comics or watch a TV sitcom.
- Stay connected to the important people in your life.
- Set aside some quiet time each

day; it nurtures your spirituality and helps to keep you grounded.

- Find an outlet for expressing your thoughts and feelings, such as talking with a friend or keeping a journal.
- Seek help from your primary physician or a counselor if you continually feel sad, angry or overwhelmed.
- Never forget that you can only take good care of your relative if you take good care of yourself.

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'Tis the Season for Proms

From MARY FRANCES

Senior citizens from all over Cumming flocked to Sexton Hall for a "senior" prom held on Saturday, May 4th. The theme of the evening was a "Night in Paris." Like tea dances of old, the prom was held from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. and was open to all seniors in the community and was free of charge.



Frank Lott and Pam Hospodarsky

Seventy guests in elegant attire stepped out of their cars and busses and were greeted by fifty student volunteers, also dressed for the event. Inside the hall, were tables covered with white table cloths displaying petit fours and delicate French pastries. Arriving guests passed under an eight-foot tall balloon arch Eiffel Tower onto the dance floor, which was surrounded by round tables and chairs that accommodated seniors sipping on cokes and drinking lemonade. Also in attendance, were the Sheriff Deputies and Fire Department personnel, resplendent in their dress uniforms who served as dance partners for this special event. There was no shortage of partners and no lady was refused a request to dance.

Prominent on the stage, was a D J, Mike Mora, who spun old familiar tunes like "Blueberry Hill," "That'll Be the Day," "Good Golly Miss Molly," and "Rock Around the Clock," while couples discoed on the dance floor or slow danced to "I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry."

At one point in the gala, a group of guests, led by former



The Dancing Crowd

Rockette Betty Champion, learned how to line dance.

Mark Harbin was the photographer of the evening taking couples' pictures under a flowered trellis backdrop for personal Memory Books.

This event was the creation of Sarah Bock, a sophomore at South Forsyth High School. This was Bock's community service project that completed her Girl Scout Gold Award. The requirement was to create a large-scale outreach project that demonstrated planning and leadership skills. Bock came up with the idea to sponsor a dance, while listening to her grandparents tell about the dances they enjoyed.

Indeed, this modern prom was enjoyed by the Cumming seniors who attended "This reminds me of the times when I used to go dancing at Johnny's Hideaway," said one of the attendees. "It was like going back in time. I haven't had this much fun in ages."

For more information about this unique prom, contact the Forsyth County Senior Services at 770- 681-2178 or e-mail Sarah Bock at seniorcitizenprom1@gmail. The public is welcome to visit state-of-the-art Sexton Hall Enrichment Center at 2115 Chloe Road, Cumming, GA 30041 during business hours.



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Georgia museums offer myriad experiences

by SUSAN LARSON

With travel becoming more and more expensive and involving more and more hassle, I've taken to just driving around Georgia and enjoying all the interesting sights and experiences we have right here at home. And the Internet makes it even easier with all the informative Web sites and of course all those how-did-we-ever-live-without-them map programs.

Also, with so many schools eliminating fields trips due to both budget cuts and intensified instruction to prepare kids for standardized tests, these are wonderful places to take grandchildren to help enhance their education and to just have some fun together. And Georgia has hundreds of museums to appeal to every taste and interest, with many of them being moderately priced or even free.

The Booth Western art Museum, associated with the Smithsonian, is located in Cartersville. Senior admission is \$8 and kids under 12 are free. And the kids get a free Saddlebag of activities to help them interact with the exhibits and they can visit Sagebrush Ranch, a hands-on exhibit where they will be welcomed by Rodeo Joe.

The Collectable and Antique Chair Gallery is just down the road in Stone Mountain. It boasts the biggest collection of miniature chairs (not dollhouse furniture) in the world, all displayed by theme, including a safari exhibit. Adult admission is \$5, children 5-12, \$2.

The Marietta Fire Museum displays fire equipment dating back to the 1800's, including antique helmets and firefighting apparatus from all over the world. And to really spark your interest, admission is free.

Along the coast, St. Mary's Submarine Museum (Senior \$4, kids, \$2) and St. Simon's Lighthouse Museum (Adults \$10,

kids \$5) both offer an up close nautical experience, including the opportunity to climb up a lighthouse tower.

In the Briarpatch in Eatonton, the Uncle Remus Museum (Seniors \$3, kids \$2) brings alive the stories of Br'er Rabbit and the life of Joel Chandler Harris. Down the street, the Old School Museum at the Plaza Arts Center offers a free historical tour of Putnam County including a mock-up downtown with a general store and a restored early 20th centu-

ry classroom, with a blackboard, cloakroom and wooden paddle. (Remember those?)

The Gwinnett Veterans Memorial Museum is filled with uniforms and military memorabilia dating back to the Civil War as a tribute to all the brave men and women who have served our country. Admission is free.

One of Georgia's newest attractions is the Southeastern Quilt and Textile Museum in Carrollton. Quilts of all varieties from traditional to

contemporary to even a metal design by sculptor Gordon Chandler adorn the walls of this old cotton factory. Admission is \$3.

This is just a mere sampling of Georgia's museums and galleries. For more information on the variety of places you can go, visit www.gamg.org.

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On the Cover

Quilts of Valor Warmly Welcome Returning Troops

by SUSAN LARSON

ON THE COVER

Mary Ellen Shannon and Kay Spors, Quilts of Valor co-chairs of the Lake Oconee Quilt Guild, display a quilt their group made for a returning service man or woman.

“The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover all combat service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.”

This mission started in 2003 when Blue Star mom Catherine Roberts, began the Quilts of Valor Foundation (QOVF) from her sewing room in Seaford, Delaware. Inspired by her son Nathanael’s year-long deployment to Iraq, she wanted to see that returning warriors were welcomed home with the love and gratitude they deserved.

Roberts hit upon the idea that linking quilt-toppers with machine quilters in a national effort could achieve her goal of covering all returning service

men and women touched by war. These wartime quilts, called Quilts of Valor, would be a tangible reminder of America’s appreciation and gratitude. QOVF has since become a national grassroots community service effort, connecting the home-front with our wounded combat warriors and veterans. So far nearly 86,000 quilts have been provided to returning troops.

QOV’s are stitched with love, prayers and healing thoughts, and conveying the message to the wounded recipient, “Thank you for your service, sacrifice and valor.”

A Quilt of Valor is a collaborative effort of many quilters each constructing a square from a kit for consistency. They are assembled with a long arm sewing machine, then bound, washed, labeled and wrapped in a special case for presentation. The impact these quilts deliver is unequivocal. As one recipient said “My quilt isn’t another military medal to be placed in a box and sit on my shelf. I was moved to tears.”

To celebrate their tenth anniversary, the organization has set a goal of making 100 Quilts of Valor by



Ladies of the Lake Oconee Quilt Guild display some of the quilts made for the tenth anniversary of the Quilts of Valor Foundation.

November 2013. Pictured on the cover are Mary Ellen Shannon and Kay Spors, QOV co-chairs of the Lake Oconee Quilt Guild which has made seven quilts towards that goal.

The quilters get involved out of deep appreciation for our troops, but many have their own personal connection to the project.

“I have a special place in my heart for this as my youngest brother was killed in Vietnam in 1968 – a month before his only child was born,” Shannon said.

LOQG President Connie Lord said, “I was very pleased when Mary Ellen Shannon suggested we do Quilts

of Valor. Her idea was warmly received by our guild and we had folks waiting in line to get a kit to make a block. She could not keep enough block packets on hand for the demand of ladies wanting to get in on this project.

It was so exciting to see them finished and exciting to hear how the recipients were so grateful to get them. As president of the guild year, I was very proud of our ladies and the enthusiasm they put into making these quilts!

To get involved, visit www.QOVF.org or e-mail susan.gordon@QOVF.org.

Philadelphia Winn Chapter NSDAR hosts Flag Day in Lawrenceville

Special to Senior News

U.S. 7th District Congressman Rob Woodall led the list of attendees for the Flag Day celebration at Courtyard Gardens Assisted Living. Others included, 102nd District Georgia Representative Buzz Brockway.

The Saturday, June 15th event, featured the Nicholas Simmons-Smith

Salvation Army Band in musical performance. The Flag retirement program was conducted by Boy Scouts Troop 575 and Cub Pack 541.

The event was organized under the direction of Pamela Lyle, Chairman, The Flag Of The USA Committee, Philadelphia Winn Chapter, NSDAR.

Peggy Freeman, Regent, Philadelphia Winn Chapter, brought greetings from GSSDAR State Regent, Virginia Grace Lingelbach.



US Congressman Rob Woodall with Cub Scouts, BSA Pack 54

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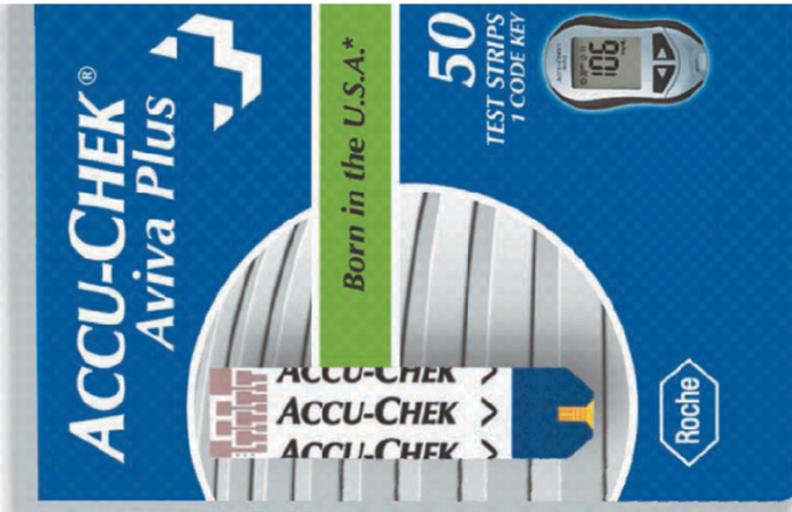
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Poets' Corner

WHAT I BELIEVE

by Doris Highsmith Charnock

I believe in a God of love, so pure and infinite, that mortal man, while on this earth, will never be able to comprehend his grandeur.

I believe in a God whose intellect is so profound that he can sense man's feeble attempt at cleverness, even before man commits the act.

I believe in a God whose eyesight is so penetrating that he can see what I do, be it light of day, or dark of night.

I believe in a God whose hearing is so keen that he can hear every whisper, and the sound of every tear.

I believe in a God whose touch is strong enough to move mountains, yet soft enough to soften the hardest of hearts.

I believe in going to church to worship God, to renew my spirits and to gain strength to combat temptations.

I believe in reading the Bible, to find new insights into God's plan for me and to be reassured of his great love.

I believe in prayer, to unburden my soul and enjoy a closer communion with God.

I believe that for every hour i spend going to religious meetings and reading the Bible, I must spend time helping those less fortunate than I; otherwise, I will become a selfish hypocrite – a favorite servant of the Devil.

I believe in standing up for the truth, at all times and in all places, regardless of the consequences; for the truth shall set men free.

I believe that with God's help, I can walk across this earth with peace and joy within my heart and spend eternity in heaven.

HE WATCHES OVER ME

by Ronald Dennard

God watches over me in the perils of

this life.

He keeps me through heartaches and strife.

He's blessed me in everything I've done.

He sent His only begotten son.

God was watching when I was asleep at the wheel,

He came to save me and I'm living still.

God watches over me when I don't have one dime.

He sees when I'm persecuted and there is no crime.

The Lord watches me when I lie down at night.

He gives me assurance that things will be alright.

I'll take His hand and go the extra mile.

He's always there in a little while.

He watches over me every second, minute, and hour.

He is there with His mighty power.

I'm thankful that I'm never alone,

I'm thankful that He is preparing me a home.

SPRING TIME GARDEN

by Eleanor R. Hampton

*There is a Garden growing in my yard this spring,
People are coming from far and near.
We are going to praise God in my Garden.*

There will be beautiful flowers and food to share.

Senior citizens are the most welcomed,

To share their wisdom, to enjoy peace and quietness.

We seniors do not have to judge each other,

As to what we wear or how gray our hair is.

*We have overcome many obstacles,
And with God on our side,*

We can go forward in the beautiful Garden that each of us can plant.

And show love to others.

Publisher's Note: In our June edition, we made an error in our presentation of Ms. Hampton's poem which changed the meaning. We do apologize for the error and have chosen to run her poem again in its entirety.

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Painting A Bright Future raises funds for DAR Junior Membership

Special to Senior News

On June 8, Philadelphia Winn Chapter NSDAR hosted "Painting a Bright Future," a fundraiser for the Chapter's Junior Club. The event took place in the Florida ballroom of Ashton Senior Living in Lawrenceville.

The event was open to the public and included brunch. Participants created an acrylic

painting of the American flag under the watchful eye of Charity Lindop, an instructor from Masterpiece Mixers Paint & Party Studio in Suwanee. The studio furnished supplies including canvas, paint, brushes, and aprons. Upon completion, artists carried their paintings home with them.

According to Jen Clark, Chairman of the Philadelphia Winn Chapter Junior Membership Committee, "All fundraiser collec-

tions remain local and go to support Georgia Juniors. One of the Junior Membership's goals is to encourage active participation in all phases of DAR service. This includes DAR's mission to promote

historic preservation, education, and patriotism."

If you would like to join Philadelphia Winn Chapter NSDAR, please email philwinndar@gmail.com.



"Painting a Bright Future" participants hold up their finished artwork.



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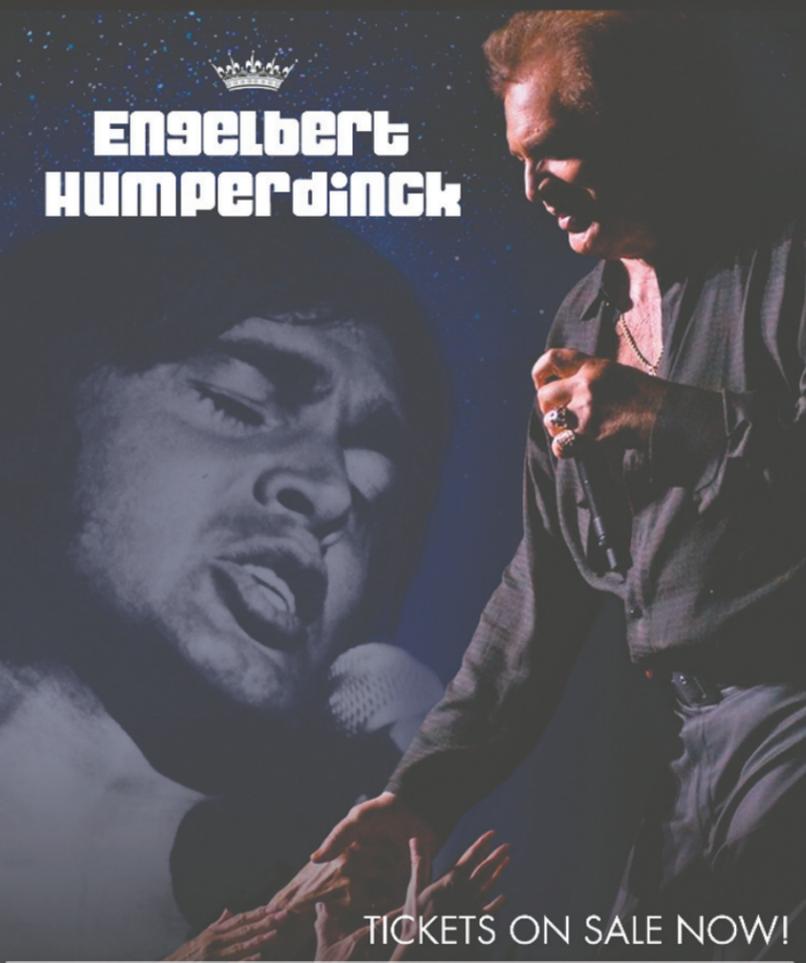
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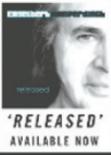
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- West Cobb Senior Center: 4915 Dallas Highway, Powder Springs, GA 30127-4488, 770-528-8200

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- Senior Wellness Center: 1150 Powder Springs St., Suite 100, Marietta, GA 30064
- North Cobb Neighborhood Center: 4100 Old Highway 41, Acworth, GA 30101, 770-974-2984

Fulton County Senior Services

The Fulton County Government coordinates a variety of services at 20 senior centers. For the nearest center or more information call the Fulton County Senior Information and Assistance at 404-613-6000, or visit www.myfultoncountyga.us.

Senior Multipurpose Facilities

- Dorothy C. Benson Senior Multipurpose Complex (Includes Sandy Springs Neighborhood Senior Center): 6500 Vernon Woods Drive, Sandy Springs, 404-705-4900.

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- H.J.C. Bowden Senior Multipurpose Facility: 2885 Church Street, East Point, 404-762-4821.
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- Northside Shepherd Neighborhood Senior Center: 1705 Commerce Dr., NW, Atlanta, 404-352-9303.
- Palmetto Neighborhood Senior Center: 510 Turner Ave., Palmetto, 770-463-4990.
- Roswell Neighborhood Senior Center: 1250 Warsaw Rd., Roswell, 770-640-1583
- St. Paul Neighborhood Senior Center (Tuesdays & Thursdays): 501 Grant St., NE, Atlanta, 404-688-7501.

- Sandy Springs Neighborhood Senior Center (In same location as Dorothy C. Benson Senior Complex): 6500 Vernon Woods Dr., Sandy Springs, 404-705-4901.
- Southeast Neighborhood Senior Center: 1650 New Town Circle, SE, Atlanta, 404-624-0641.

Roswell Recreation & Parks Offerings

- Roswell Recreation Senior Citizens Club: Meets each Wednesday. Activities include trips, parties, guest speakers, social functions and other activities. For membership information call 770-641-3950.
- Monthly Luncheon: Second Wed. of the month. Must RSVP one week in advance. Call for more information.
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Lawrenceville Senior Center

225 Benson Street, Lawrenceville 770-822-5180.

Gwinnett Senior Center

225 Bethesda Church Road, Lawrenceville, 770-822-5147

Bartow County Senior Center

Cassville, 770-383-7383
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Fayette Senior Services

4 Center Drive, Fayetteville 770-461-0813. Call for complete details on services offered.

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The Bridge Community Center 225 Willowbend Rd., Peachtree City www.thebridge-cc.org

- Club 55: For adults 55 and older. Meets every 4th Wed., 1:30-3:30 p.m. for bingo, foosball, video games, movies and more. For details call The Bridge Community Center or visit www.thewypers@bellsouth.net.

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Lilburn Police offers advice on preventing child abductions

Submitted by safetysmartlilburn.org

In light of a recent abduction attempt of a 10-year-old girl at the First Baptist Church of Lilburn, Lilburn Police Capt. Thomas Bardugon offers tips to parents on how to prevent child abductions.

"If you're going to send your kids out to some place and they want to play, just be mindful of where they are," said Bardugon. "if you see something unusual, intercede and make sure that you're keeping an eye on things."

He also gave advice for children who find themselves in a possible abduction situation.

"Walk away, and go to someone you trust," Bardugon added. "Go back to mom, go back to dad, and don't engage with them at all."

In the recent abduction attempt,

a girl had been rollerblading at the parking lot of the Main Street church with her mom nearby. A man drove up in his car, a gray or dark-colored Dodge Charger, and started speaking with the girl. After saying that she could have been a model and asking her if she wanted to race, he told her to get in his car.

At that time, the man saw the mom walking toward her daughter, which caused him to drive away. This occurred in a matter of 10-15 seconds, Bardugon said.

The mother and daughter soon left and arrived at a nearby Shell gas station on the corner of Rockbridge Road and Lilburn-Stone Mountain Road, where they saw the man a second time. He left shortly after the girl pointed him out to her mom.

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Parkinson Disease Support Groups

For information on Parkinson Disease Support Groups in the metro area, please contact Lynn Ross, LMSW, Coordinator, American Parkinson Disease Association Information & Referral Center, Emory University, at 404-728-6552 or slross@emory.edu.

Multiple Sclerosis Center of Atlanta

Support group meetings second Tuesday each month, 4-5:30 p.m., MSCA in Buckhead, 3200 Downwood Circle, Suite 550, The Palisades Building. For additional information call 404-351-0205, ext. 110, or visit www.mscaatl.org.

Alzheimer/Caregiver Support Group Meeting

First Mon. each month, 10:30 a.m. Free respite care for your loved one during meeting, must call in advance. Aloha to Aging, Inc. located in the Mt. Bethel Community Center, 4608 Lower Roswell Rd., Marietta. Call 678-439-1177.

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Greater Atlanta Archaeological Society

Meets 2nd Tues. of each month, 7:30 p.m., at the Fernbank Museum of Natural History, just off Ponce de Leon at 767 Clifton, Rd. NE, Atlanta. Call 770-242-2249 for recorded message.

Senior Ballroom Dance

First & third Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., Mason Mill Park, 1340 McConnell Dr., Decatur. Live band, refreshments. Call 404-679-1349.

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• "Open Mic" Poetry Night: Wed., July 10, 8 p.m.

• Jazz on the Lawn - Concert Series: Scott Glazer's Mojo Dojo Band: Fri., July 12, 7:30 p.m.

• Jazz on the Lawn - Concert Series: Ted Howe Trio & Vocalist Karla Harris: Fri., July 26, 7:30 p.m.

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East Cobb AARP

AARP New Members and Volunteers Welcome. First Thurs. of the month, 1:30-3 p.m., East Cobb Senior Center, 3332 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. Contact Joan Ferrandino at 770-579-5191 or Arlene LeClair at 770-321-9789.

Woodstock AARP Chapter 5173

Meetings held 2nd Tues. of each month, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Hearth Restaurant, 3055 Eagle Watch Dr., Woodstock. Call Alice Kuzniak at 770-928-5640.

Sandy Springs AARP

Meets the 2nd Tues. of each month at 2:00 p.m. in The Dorothy C. Benson Senior Center, 6500 Vernon Woods Drive, Sandy Springs. Contact Miriam Hahn at 404-252-2989 for information.

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Monthly Sacred Harp Singing

Thurs., July 11, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Early American hymns sung in powerful, exuberant style, as seen in *Awake My Soul*. Beginners welcome, instruction provided. Emory Presbyterian Church, fellowship building, 1886 N. Decatur Rd. For details and directions call 404-892-6836 or visit www.atlantasacredharp.org.

Monthly Song Circle

Fri., July 26, 7:30 p.m. Group singing just for fun... no performances. Open to all. Folk music, old standards, spirituals, political songs, pop, freedom songs, country, show tunes, and more. East Lake location. For directions and more information call Bob at 404-378-5424.

Volunteers Needed To Deliver Food

South Fulton Senior Services Inc. (SFSS) is a non-profit agency. Its mission is to provide a range of services and activities which promote wellness, wholeness and self-sufficiency for adults, sixty (60) years of age and older, who reside in South Fulton County.

SFSS has serviced the South Fulton Community for 21 years. In order to enhance the level of support and services, volunteers are needed

to help deliver meals on wheels. Service areas include: East Point, Hapeville, College Park, Union City, Fairburn, Rico, Palmetto, and Chattahoochee Hills. If you would like to become a volunteer for meals on wheels, please contact Debra Hood or Adam Surfus at 404-559-0070.

Get Connected with SeniorNet at the Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta

SeniorNet is an international, non-profit computer learning program designed to teach adults ages 50 and over computer literacy. The Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta bears the unique distinction as being one of only three SeniorNet learning centers operating in the metro Atlanta area.

The SeniorNet curriculum covers a broad spectrum of computer-related courses including learning beginning, intermediate, and advanced Microsoft Windows applications (word processing, database, spreadsheets), discovering the Internet, how to buy a computer, the ins and out's of email, learning how to use a mouse, basic typing skills, buying and using a digital camera, digital photography and Adobe Photoshop elements, PowerPoint, buying and selling on eBay, designing web pages, and fun with graphics.

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The Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta (MJCCA), "The Center of the Jewish Community," is committed to strengthening the quality of life in Atlanta, and is recognized as one of the most highly-regarded centers internationally. From preschoolers and children, to teens and singles, to adults and seniors - the MJCCA attracts a diverse audience from the entire community. Visit us on the web at www.atlantajcc.org.

Volunteers Need for Meals on Wheels

Senior Connections needs volunteers to deliver hot, nutritious meals to homebound seniors in your area. Three convenient pickup locations in Chamblee, Decatur and Lithonia. Call 770-455-7602 or register to volunteer online at www.seniorconnectionsatl.org. Call for new class offerings.

New Neighbors League Club

Prospective member orientation, first Wed. each month at the New Neighbors Welcome Center, 479 S. Atlanta St., Roswell. Luncheon and program second Wed. each month at various locations. Volunteer orientations are conducted every Monday at 1 p.m. For complete details call 770-993-7886.

Volunteers Need for Meals on Wheels

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The Open Synagogue holds services every Sat. at 10:15 a.m., Jewish Family and Career Services.

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Achva Adult Day Club

The Achva Adult Day Club meets at Ahavath Achim Synagogue on Wednesdays and Fridays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Open to the community and provide meaningful activities for those with memory loss or physical challenges. Contact Leah Steiner at 404-603-5756 for information.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR 55+

The Metro Atlanta RSVP program, sponsored by the Atlanta Regional Commission, Area Agency on Aging, is currently accepting applications for volunteers to help educate older adults about issues that are important for remaining healthy and independent in their communities. Join a force of talented volunteers, age 55 and over, whose members are utilizing their unique life experiences and skills to share important information with older adults. RSVP volunteers play a critical role in providing education and outreach in the community so older adults can make informed choices about available programs and services. Free training is provided for all volunteers and flexible schedules are available. Volunteers 55+ are eligible to receive mileage reimbursement and supplemental insurance.

For more information, please call 404-463-3119 or email enaumann@atlantaregional.com.

Alzheimer's Support Group

4th Thurs. of month, 6:30-8:00 p.m., GoldenCrest Assisted Living, 2160 Lake Harbin Rd., Morrow. For details call Gery Saunders at 770-961-2200.

Grandparents on the Move Meeting

Every 3rd Thurs., 10 a.m.-12 noon, Helene Mills Center, 515 John Wesley Dobbs Ave., Atlanta. Everyone invited. For details call 678-938-6649.

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Two Social Security reforms that seniors strongly support

Special to *Senior News*
Alexandria, VA (June 17, 2013)

Seniors are closely following the debate over Social Security, and a new survey indicates strong support for two major changes that could restore Social Security's long-term solvency. The survey, conducted by The Senior Citizens League (TSC), one of the nation's largest nonpartisan seniors groups, found that 52% of seniors strongly favor, and another 30% somewhat favor, raising the Social Security maximum taxable wage base. In addition, 87% support banning the use of earnings from jobs worked under invalid and fraudulent Social Security numbers by unauthorized immigrant workers to determine entitlement to Social Security and other federal benefits.

Why raise the maximum? In 1993 the taxable maximum was eliminated for Medicare payroll taxes. Yet currently, workers who earn more than \$113,700 pay no Social Security

taxes at all on earnings over that amount. "That includes every Member of Congress and President Obama," notes TSC Chairman Larry Hyland. The "tax max" increases annually by the growth in national average wages.

Low and middle-income earners pay taxes on all of their earnings. In recent years, however, the share of total wages earned in the U.S. and subject to Social Security payroll tax has declined because the earnings of the most highly paid workers have grown rapidly. Most of the proposals to increase the taxable maximum would also raise benefits of the affected workers by counting earnings above the old cap in the benefit formula. The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has estimated that eliminating the taxable maximum would extend the Social Security solvency as much as 50 years.

Why ban the use of earnings from unauthorized work to determine Social Security benefits? Under cur-

rent law Social Security uses all earnings to calculate Social Security benefits. That means earnings of unauthorized immigrants from jobs worked under invalid and fraudulent Social Security numbers (SSN) can be used both to qualify for benefits and for the calculation of the initial retirement benefit. There is no official published data on the amount of wages on file attributable to aliens working without authorization, but the Social Security Administration maintains an earnings suspense file that represents an estimated \$763.5 billion in wages from 2000 through 2010, most of it believed to be attributable to illegal workers. Under immigration reform, that could mean a huge new liability for Social Security in the future, triggering more rounds of cuts and higher taxes.

"TSC strongly believes that earnings under invalid SSNs should be also be invalid for entitlement to benefits," says Hyland. "Document fraud, identity theft and violation of immigration law should not be

rewarded with Social Security benefits, especially as Congress considers cutting Social Security cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs)," he states. To learn more and find out how much you could lose by COLA cuts, visit www.SeniorsLeague.org.

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Caitlin Whiteaker addresses Philadelphia Winn Chapter NSDAR on Margaret Mitchell House

Special to *Senior News*

On May 19, Caitlin Whiteaker spoke on the Margaret Mitchell House to the Philadelphia Winn Chapter NSDAR. Whiteaker manages the home where Mitchell penned *Gone with the Wind*. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places and managed by the Atlanta History Center, the three-story Tudor Revival house at 990 Peachtree Street is one of Atlanta's most treasured landmarks and tourist attractions. Visitors from everywhere come to tour.

Whiteaker noted similarities between Mitchell's life and that of her main character, Scarlett O'Hara. At eighteen, Mitchell fell in love and was engaged to Clifford Henry, who died in France in WWI. Whiteaker noted that young Scarlett's first husband's

initials were "CH" for Charles Hamilton, and he died in war. Also, Margaret Mitchell's mother contracted influenza and died the day before her daughter reached home from college. Like Scarlett, Mitchell returned home to find her mother dead and stayed to care for her father.

Scarlett is an independent woman at a time when society limits female roles. A rebel herself, Mitchell was a tomboy who called herself "Jimmy" until she turned fourteen. May Belle, her mother, was a suffragist. In Mitchell's twenties, she lived the unconventional life of a flapper, proof that May Belle's feminism rubbed off on her daughter.

Mitchell married John Marsh in 1925. They moved into "The Dump," their nickname for the house. While recuperating from an ankle injury in 1926, Mitchell wrote to amuse herself. She finished *GWTW* in three years, and then let it languish for the next

six.

In 1935, Macmillan House Editor Harold Latham came South in search of writers. A friend retorted to Mitchell, "Why would he choose your book?" The remark stung and prompted Mitchell to give Latham the manu-

script. After reading it on the train home, he decided to publish it. In four months, *GWTW* sold a million copies.

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