

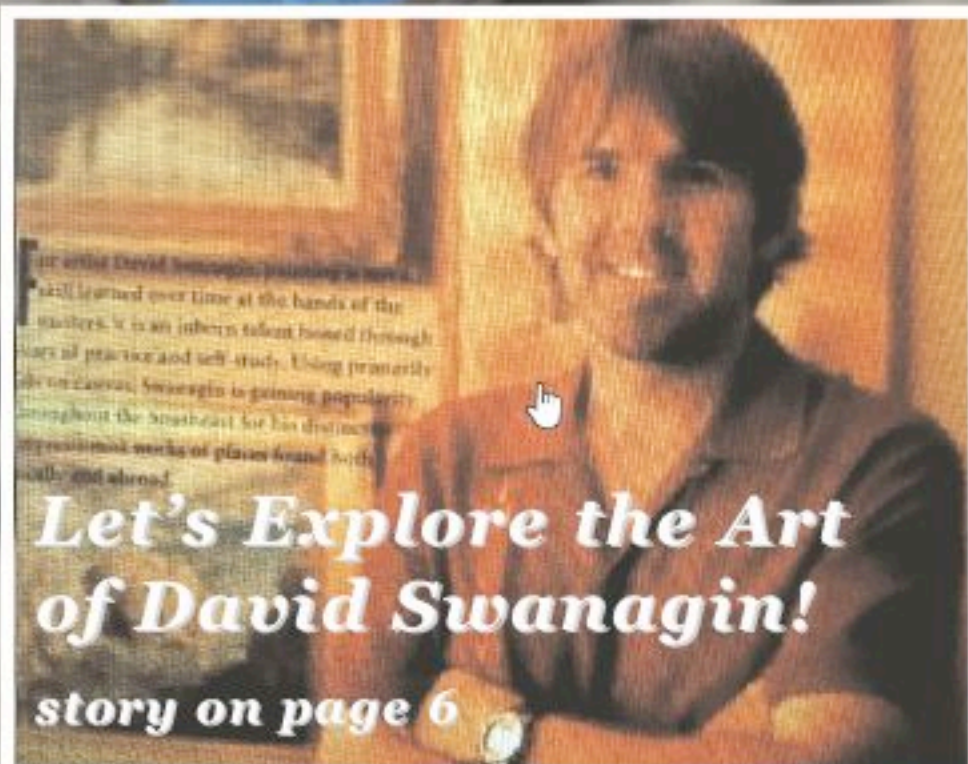
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# Tips for Trusting Your Tax Preparer

by **KELVIN COLLINS**  
President/CEO, BBB of Central Georgia & the CSRA, Inc.

**M**ost people get help filing their taxes, either from computer software or a professional tax preparer. But horror stories in the media about tax service rip offs and scams have some consumers concerned about who they can trust with their financial data and private information.

A paid tax return preparer is primarily responsible for the overall, substantive accuracy of your tax return(s). If there is a problem with your return or you are audited by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the tax pre-

parer can help you address the issue and can often represent you. The preparer is required to sign your tax forms (paper or electronic) and provide their preparer tax identification number (PTIN), a number assigned by the IRS.

Better Business Bureau advises taxpayers to be extra cautious when choosing a tax preparer, since that person or company will have access to your personally identifiable information (PII). Here are some BBB tips to help you find a tax preparer you can trust.

**Get Referrals.** To find a tax preparer, start by asking friends and family for recommendations, then check BBB Business Reviews at [bbb.org](http://bbb.org). Look beyond the letter grade; complaint details and Customer Reviews will tell you about others' experiences.

Make sure they are properly registered. A tax preparer must obtain a PTIN from the IRS. Never let someone work on your taxes unless they have this number. Don't be afraid to ask about this or other qualifications; a capable professional does not mind questions.

**Look for credentials.** Anyone with a PTIN can prepare your tax forms for you, but some tax preparers have more training and qualifications than others. Enrolled agents, certified public accountants (CPAs) and attorneys have unlimited rights to represent their clients to the IRS on all matters. Other preparers can help you with forms and simple IRS matters, but are limited otherwise, and they can't help you if they didn't prepare your form. Learn more about tax preparer credentials on the IRS website.

**Keep a watchful eye for promises.** Be wary of any tax preparation service that promises larger refunds than their competition and avoid tax preparers who base their fee on a percentage of the refund. Also be wary of "refund anticipation loans," which can take a hefty chunk of your refund in commission. Refunds are processed quickly these days, so it's a better bet to just wait for the real thing rather than pay a premium to get it now.

**Search for free tax programs.** There are several free government programs that prepare taxes free of charge if you meet an income requirement; go to the IRS's Free File page for more information. Most will also file your state return as well. If not, check with your state's Department of Revenue to find out about their programs.

**Tax Software and Apps.** If you plan to file yourself, use tax software or an app that provides both excellent data security and good customer service. Some of the top names in tax prep software are BBB Accredited Businesses, so check with [BBB.org](http://BBB.org) first.

New tax laws can help create confusion that dishonest preparers will capitalize on, so taxpayers should always review their return before signing, ask questions on entries they do not understand. Also be sure to get a copy of the return for your records. Finally, do not ever sign a blank tax form or one filled out in pencil!

For more trustworthy consumer tips, visit [BBB.org](http://BBB.org).

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## Let us entertain you

by CLAIRE HOUSER-DODD

**T**ime: Lent. Place: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Person: Debbie Liipfert. Suggestion: Rather than taking something away from yourself, give something to someone else!

Debbie brought large white trash bags and gave them out to all present with the admonition to put one thing in the bag everyday in Lent. Something in good condition that someone else could enjoy!

We thought that was a brilliant idea. Much better than giving. At the end of Lent the bags will be collected and given to some worthy cause. We love it! Thanks for the clever thought, Debbie.

Thanks to Debbie and Jimbo too for our tickets to The Malibu's/Sixpence Saturday night at the Ag Center in Perry. This is Dennis Herbert's long time revered local band from the 60's & 70's. The original players still popping are: Dennis Herbert – Lead Guitar, Eddie Byrd – Keyboard & Singing, Wes Wheeler – Drums, David Luckie – Lead singer, Guitar & Horns, Grady Trussell – Bass Guitar, Mike Jaccino – Horns.

They play all our favorites, everybody dances, laughs, mingles and has the time of their lives. They reminisce over old fun times with the Malibu's/Sixpence and are busy making new fond memories. We definitely as it's a birthday present and celebration for us and just a celebration for Barbara Davidson. More fun packed into a Saturday night than the law allows. Thanks again

Another birthday perk was to be invited to attend a DAR meeting and luncheon at the handsome Greek Revival Wynn House in the Wynton Area of Columbus. Edwina Beale picked us up at 8:30 a.m. for a day chocked full of fun. We were lucky in this rainy season just to have it on and off and not too hard. We had a good trip over, catching up and reminiscing of Wesleyan friends and teachers. Once we finally worked our way through the Wynton traffic, we saw the Wynn House standing out above all the others. It is truly a beautiful old mansion, totally renovated and perfect. Actually, exciting to see this Old Lady standing so magnificently on a knoll, in command of the street, with Doric columns on three sides, topped with a cupola.

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The Wynn House Mission is that "their members are dedicated to the preservation of the historic structure and its grounds."

The Wynn House Vision: "Our vision is to use the house for the benefit of our community and the endeavors of our youth."

The Columbus Junior League is housed on the second floor.

Our luncheon was divine, and we understand that besides renting this majestic home day and

night for seven days a week, the freezers are full, and they offer an array of prepared food, casseroles and desserts, and the famous Wynn House Rolls. Call ahead so your order will be ready for pick-up. 706-323-1895. Just wish we lived in Columbus; we'd be a regular customer!

We were welcomed and served at the head table by a delightful Jamaican named Donovan Lewis who came to the United States in 1984 and became a citizen in 2013 on September 27. What a bonus for us! Mary Mullins, Regent of the Oglethorpe Chapter of the NSDAR, tells us how popular he is. One of the perks that gives the Wynn House to long eating and great reputation. "He will know you next time and remember what you ordered." We bet he will remember us. We ordered a Moscow Mule. He really laughed and helped the ladies to unwind and relax.

Donovan promises to have Ginger Beer if we bring the Vodka. Mary declares he will remember, and it will be there and be waiting!

A wonderful time was had with Wesleyan classmates Edwina Hall Beale and Varise Chambliss Hillis. And an extra thanks to Donovan Lewis, a fine example of Jamaican hospitality.

Edwina had the program and apprised us of a few facts about Valentine's Day that we never knew and/or have forgotten. It's hard to tell at this age! We'll take it when we can get it, much as we are taking this week of our birthday as a plus.

The Sunday before our birthday our Grand Denver and hubby Blake took us to a country cooked dinner at Lovett's in Culloden. Daughter and hubby Mike took us out for a steak dinner Friday night and Beth Lanyon Clark had a birthday dinner for us Saturday night with our favorite – Country Fried Steak. Then on Sunday, our real birthday will be spent with Grandson and Great-Grandson. The best is yet to come!

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## Chamber Announces Second Location

### Columbia County Chamber opens second office in Grovetown

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EVANS, GA

The Columbia County Chamber of Commerce is expanding its efforts and opening a Grovetown-Harlem office in Grovetown. This new location strengthens the Chamber's presence and offers a second location in the heart of our county's growth. The Grovetown-Harlem office is located at 229 W. Robinson Avenue, Grovetown, GA adjacent to the SRP Federal Credit Union Branch Office.

Tammy Shepherd, President/CEO, expressed enthusiasm about the new location, stating "The City of Grovetown, City of Harlem and surrounding areas contin-

ue to see tremendous growth. Business follows rooftops, and as a business organization, we want to be in the center of that growth to service our current and future members."

"This new Grovetown-Harlem Chamber office uniquely positions us to meet the challenges and seize the opportunities of our rapidly growing community. The Cyber Command move is a once-in-a-century event for our community, and the Chamber stands ready to lead our region into the next decade," Reagan Williams, Chairman of the Columbia County Chamber Board of Directors.

To celebrate the opening of this new office, the Columbia County Chamber held a ribbon cutting on Friday, February 21st at 11:30 a.m.

The Grovetown-Harlem locations has four individual offices and one conference room. A new chamber employee along with current staff will man the office. There will be rotating committee meetings hosted at this office, while also hosting dedicated new programs and initiatives for that area. For example, 12@12 is a program where 12 members meet at lunch with the Chairman of the Board to discuss their needs and how the Chamber may help. This additional office space allows the Chamber to serve as an information center for new residents as well.

For more information on the new office, contact Olivia Reich, Communications Manager for the Chamber, at [olivia@columbiacountychamber.com](mailto:olivia@columbiacountychamber.com).

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## On the Cover

# Dennis Herbert... a hometown boy who made good!

by CLAIRE HOUSER-DODD

Cover: Dennis and Peggy Herbert

**D**ennis Herbert is a Fort Valley native born right here in the Valley, we're proud to say. Love to write about homeboys who make good! And Dennis Herbert is one of our Greats! He was the first-born son of Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Herbert who had an older daughter, Betty. He graduated from Fort Valley High School in 1965 and from the Auburn University four years later. His major was Business; but, he had always been interested and talented in Music.

Although Dennis went into the jewelry business with his father and mother who owned Herbert's Jewelers, a very fine upscale jewelry store on Main Street in Fort Valley, he maintained his musical interests he had in the band he helped start in the early 60's with Wes Wheeler, David Luckie and Chris Smisson... the four originals who started the *Malibus*. Dennis's wife, Peggy, has been with the band the entire time as their first date was two days before the first performance of the band.

Dennis married Peggy Childree in 1970 and they have two children and seven grands.

When we moved back to Fort Valley in the late 80's, Dennis had just returned from Belgium where, as a Gemologist, he bought diamonds for his customers.

He showed pictures and gave us all the pertinent points about fine stones, mainly diamonds. A most enjoyable program which probably led to a problem with husbands.

Although he retired in 2010, Dennis gets pressed into duty by family and friends to fix this, sauder that, replace the other. He keeps a low profile but can be found if you look hard enough!

Besides filming the service every Sunday at the Fort Valley United Methodist in Fort Valley, he and Greg Whitley play occasionally for the congregation. He is a former pilot, attends Kiwanis, and even spoke to them last month about the 1974 tornado.

After having a bout with

Cancer and many trips to the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida, Dennis is now the Poster Boy for them. There is really something to be said about being a Poster Boy at the age of 72. But if anybody can pull it off, Dennis Herbert is that person.

If you had seen him on February 22nd at the Malibu Concert, standing to play guitar all night long, you would have understood why he had been called Poster Child. The health, energy, happiness, glee was infectious.

To come from where he had been... hardly able to walk, going from his usual energetic self, playing with their seven grandchildren, designing beautiful jewelry, performing on his guitar, and now playing an entire concert without a hiccup, you wouldn't believe it.

What made the turn around? The Mayo Clinic prescribed, after Dennis developed a condition called radiation cystitis, Oxygen Therapy. Hyperbaric Oxygen Treatment was given at Baptist South Hospital in Jacksonville, Florida upon recommendation by Mayo Clinic doctors.

"When you breath 100% oxygen, it reaches your blood vessels and helps remove dead tissue," explained Dr. Agrawal."

Dennis had a total of fifty

treatments in a small enclosure which didn't bother him at all since he was accustomed to flying his single-engine plane. He says, "It's about the size of a small cockpit!"

Dennis has added more activities to his busy schedule; working out at the gym and doing Yoga.

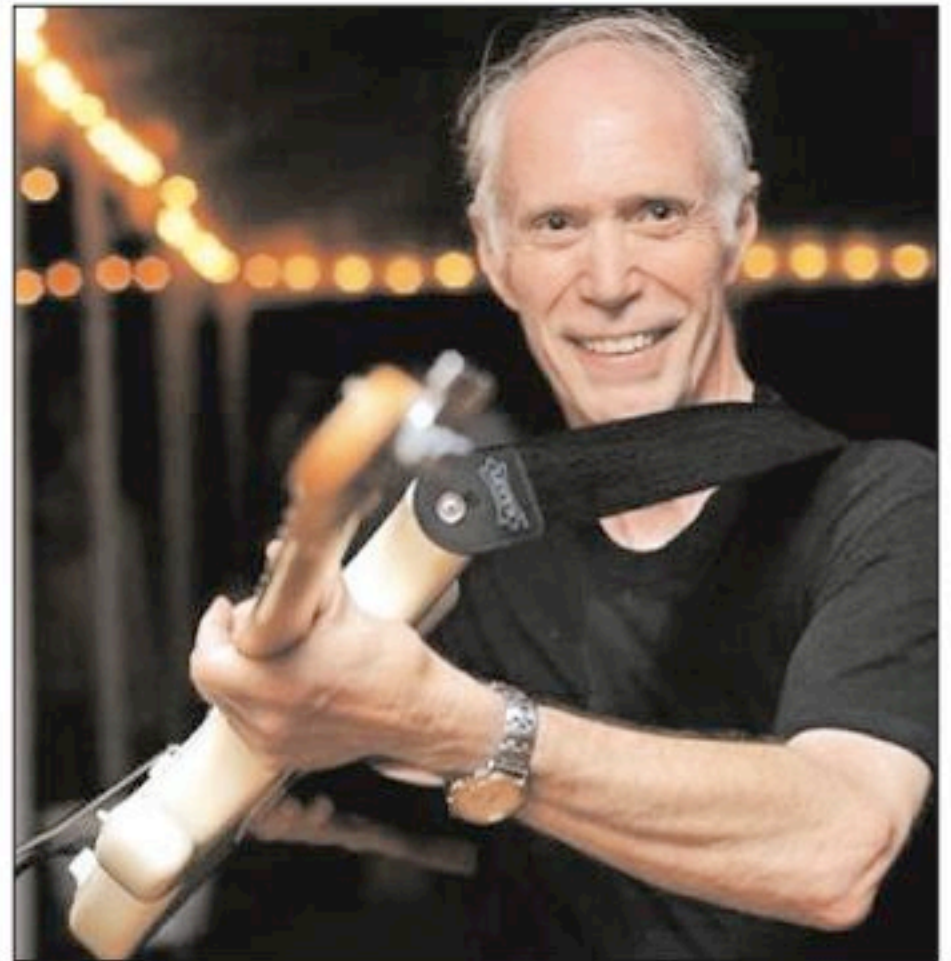
Perhaps, considering all this,

we should call him, not "Dennis the Menace," but Dennis the Poster Person!

Our hat is off to you, Dennis, and to your helpmate, Peggy.

Congratulations! And, thanks family and friends for all the prayers. We know where the miracle came from!

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Dennis Herbert enjoying his favorite past time... playing guitar!



Dennis Herbert in Hyperbaric Oxygen Chamber.



***On the Cover***

**Let's Explore the Art of David Swanagin!**

by CAROLYN BRENNEMAN

COVER: David Swanagin

**Y**es, Indeed. Let's spend the afternoon exploring and enjoying the artworks of David Swanagin at the Sacred Heart Cultural Center in Augusta this month.

David is an amazing artist and we are pleased that some of his works will be presented to us at the Cultural Center. David is an oil painter specializing in mood evoking landscapes and interiors. David, a self-taught painter, says of his work, "All of the scenes are all places I've been and not imaginary scenes. I have to go to that place to capture the feeling. I don't just create a field or stream or mountains."

He originally began painting at twelve, where his focus on detail and reality formed the groundwork for more spontaneous work. David

works in oils on masonite board, or wood panels, covers the panel in gesso to give texture and then begins to paint. He also specializes in the "gallery wrap" style where the painted image extends to the edges of the board and over onto the sides, allowing the painting to be hung as is, without framing. David draws much of his inspiration from the Tonalism movement of artists focusing on effect of light and shadows displayed during a day.

David was born in South Carolina and later grew up in our Augusta. Later on, he moved to Nashville, painting and working as a professional drummer. Living in Nashville, David used his artistic abilities to hand paint drum heads with logos and creative designs, a skill he inherited from his grandfather, who was a professional sign painter and musi-

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A beautiful painting by David



High Cotton



Late Afternoon



Reminiscing



# David

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cian.

David has a great passion for his art and his drumming. As such an amazing artist, he has painted drum heads for hundreds of artists, including many well-known artists, such as The Monkeys, Carrie Underwood, Keith Urban, Jewel, Brad Paisley, Brooks and Dunn, Blake Shelton, Tim McGraw, and even Taylor Swift. With his skills and artistic talent, David has ventured all across the country pursuing his creative dreams.

We will want to explore and enjoy the artwork of David during this opportunity to view many of his works at Sacred Heart Cultural Center. The art exhibit will be displayed starting on March 5th with the opening reception at 5:00 pm, and the exhibit will continue through the end of April. So, mark your calendars and bring your grandkids and make it a delightful afternoon. Visit his website to learn more about David at [www.davidswanaginart.com](http://www.davidswanaginart.com). Sacred Heart Cultural Center in Augusta is located at 1301 Greene Street, 30901. Enter Ellis and 13th Street Gate. The exhibit is free.



The Monkeys drum head painting



Taylor Swift with her hand painted drum head

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## ***Taking Care***

# **Social Workers Can Help In Many Ways**

by LISA M. PETSCHKE

**A**long the journey of caring for an older relative, chances are you will come in contact with a social worker.



Lisa Petsche

Social work is a profession with a long history of commitment to improving the well-being of people in society, particularly the disadvantaged.

Social workers understand the complex interaction between individuals and their environment, and use a variety of strategies to bring about change in persons, situations and institutions. Trained at the university level, they are employed in a wide variety of areas that include direct work with individuals, families and groups, community development, human resources development, social policy, program planning, teaching, and research. The majority are involved in direct service.

Social workers believe in the intrinsic worth and dignity of every human being. They are committed to the values of acceptance, respect for individuality and belief in the client's capacity for growth. This makes them strong advocates for individual rights and social justice.

Their goal is to empower clients, assisting them to identify their problems and find meaningful solutions, building on their existing strengths. Their assessment includes looking at how clients' physical and social environment may be contributing to their difficulties and how it might be changed.

In clinical settings, social workers help clients with anxiety, depression, stress, anger management, grief, relationship difficulties, financial problems and other resource issues, and life transitions. They connect people with community resources and advocate for appropriate services where none exist. They aim to prevent crises and, when a person presents to them already in crisis, to help them achieve a positive outcome.

### **Assessing needs**

In the community, social workers can be found in many healthcare settings, including medical clinics, government-funded agencies, non-profit organizations such as the Alzheimer's Association, home healthcare agencies, and day care programs. Some workers do home visits.

The role of a community social worker may include: assessing clients' social, emotional and daily living (practical) needs, their strengths, the supports available to them, and the areas where they require further support; providing one-to-one or family counseling; facilitating support groups; providing education (for example, about normal reactions to stressful situations and strategies for dealing with stress); and providing information about and referral to community resources that can help improve clients' quality of life.

### **Teamwork**

In healthcare settings such as hospitals and long-term care facilities, social workers are typically part of an interdisciplinary team that includes the following professionals: physicians, nurses, physical therapist, occupational therapist, dietitian, speech-language pathologist, and recreation therapist.

Social workers contribute knowledge about emotional health, life stages, relationships, and community resources. Their work includes assessing the social, emotional, and personal implications of health changes and hospitalization or institutionalization for patients and their families; and helping them learn how to cope more effectively with losses, emotional concerns, behavioral changes, family problems, financial worries, and other practical matters. They also serve as an advocate for patients, helping them overcome barriers to service within the institution and in the community.

In hospitals, social workers coordinate discharge planning, facilitating communication among the patient, significant others, and internal and external healthcare providers. They assist with problem solving and making necessary arrangements for the patient to return home or transfer to an alternate setting, such as a nursing facility for

convalescent care, a rehabilitation facility for reactivation, or a nursing home for long-term care.

When a patient's situation is complex, the social worker may organize a discharge conference to review his or her needs – addressing medical management, activities of daily living (self-care and home management skills), mobility, safety, finances, access to the community, recreation and leisure, and caregiver relief – and discuss options for meeting them.

### **Helping with adjustment**

In long-term care facilities, social workers play a significant role around the time of admission. They may be involved in reviewing referrals and organizing pre-admission tours. Upon a resident's admission, they provide orientation for the person and his or her family, as well as supportive counseling around adjustment issues.

During this initial period, social workers gather personal and social information about the new resident – such as birthplace, work history, significant relationships, pastimes and skills, personality, cultural and religious background, routines and habits – and share it with caregiving staff to help them get to know and understand the person and better meet his or her needs.

Their ongoing role includes addressing quality of life, autonomy, and end of life issues; screening residents for depression; running support groups for residents and family members; and mediating between residents and staff, co-residents, or family members, as well as between staff and families, when conflict arises. In addition, social workers serve as a resource for long-term care staff regarding communication skills, coping styles, family dynamics, mental health, and ethical issues.

For more information about the social work profession, go online to [www.helpstartshere.org/](http://www.helpstartshere.org/).

Note: March is National Professional Social Work Month.

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## Opinion

# Dangerous deeds with dollars

by DANIEL W. GATLYN, USN Ret.  
Korean/Vietnam Veteran  
Minister/Journalist

I have no problem in embracing the capitalistic, free enterprise system and mentality which has been the hallmark of this nation for multiple generations; but, I am incensed at the mind set now encompassing a legion of our leading citizens. Somehow, we have been made to believe that enough money can buy anything – even the high seat of the beltway!

(Fact) As of February 17, 2020, 1,047 candidates have filed with the Federal Election Commission (FEC) to run for president. The latest one to voice aspiration for the high position is that of Michael Bloomberg, former Mayor of New York City; and, who is holding more coins than all other candidates grouped together. His far flung enterprise with 167 offices and 20,000 employees is a startling explanation of what he brings to the equation. But, his mentality and vision that anything is possible when enough money is available stirs one to consternation. The potential sway is chaotic!

While the mad dash for CEO of the most affluent nation in the world has always been a mixed jingle, for more than two centuries we have escaped "selling the box to the highest bidder." That fact could easily become history, for Bloomberg is confident of his rise to power through dollar signs and the clout salvaged therewith. Aside from the pollution caused by Bloomberg's entrance into the race; and, the tainted and unprecedented circus created surrounding a Presidential election, the act poses an unwelcomed switch to the traditional process we have pursued through forty four personalities. If indeed a bulging wallet (in itself) can determine the outcome, then we have arrived in "no man's lands."

What is even more disenchanting with Bloomberg is the fact that he may well be the least qualified of the several who vie for the position.

While he did show some progress as Mayor of the Big Apple, his manner of leadership is to be questioned; and, it is

a fact, without debate, that he has displayed minimal expertise in the Foreign Relations, National Defense, International Protocol, and strategic diplomacy areas.

Although it is obvious that some of our past Chief Executives have plunged through a victorious route to the White House with means laced to a golden calf, this is almost certainly a first where the individual leans to the purse for an affirmative glance from the electorate. If by some remote chance

Bloomberg manages to garner the vote for the Big Chair, the indictment will exceed simony – with escalation to that of grand theft! It is unlikely that such an offense would be adjudged with guilt; but, surely all Americans are aware of circumstances which have been present since the race began. Persons exercising these prerogatives may never be condemned, but do remember, that what goes around.... comes around!

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Friday, March 20 - Meet and Greet Community Dinner  
6:00PM - 7:00PM

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Saturday, March 21 - Brunch & Learn Conversations  
with Shaul on Current Events 1:00PM - 2:30PM

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Saturday, March 21 - Keynote Presentation  
History & Current Dilemmas Of The  
Israeli-Palestinian Situation

3:00PM - 5:00PM

\*FREE\*

Sunday, March 22 - Teen Talk & Pizza

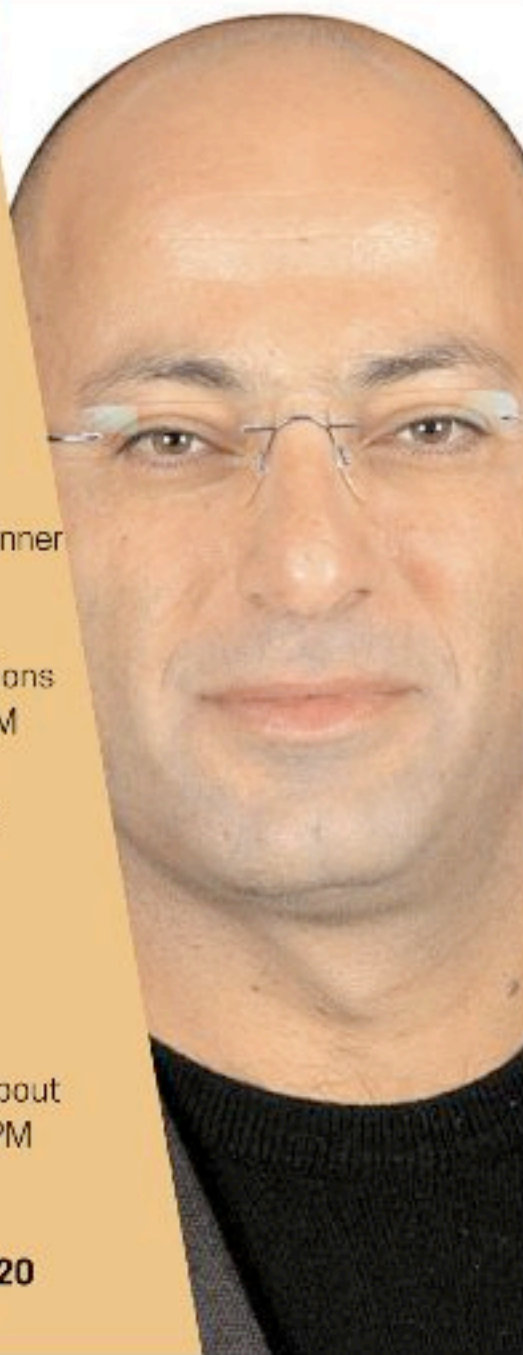
All teens are invited to hear and ask questions about  
the conflict & current events 12:30PM - 2:00PM

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\*\$25 to attend ALL events\*

\*Reservations & payments by March 13, 2020

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# Coliseum Health System announces new Chief Nursing Officer

Special to Senior News Georgia

Submitted by Jennifer C. Jones  
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**C**oliseum Health System recently announced that David Threatt, DNP, MSHI, RN, NE-BC has accepted the role of the Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) for Coliseum Health System. In this role, he will focus on nursing efforts at Coliseum Medical Centers and Coliseum Northside Hospital.

Most recently, Threatt served as the interim Chief Nursing Officer of Coliseum Health System. He joined Coliseum Medical Centers as the Assistant Chief Nursing Officer in June of 2018. He has served in various leadership roles within HCA's South Atlantic Division since 2012. Among them are Division Director of Labor Management and Division Director of Clinical Informatics/Analytics. Prior to joining HCA Healthcare, Threatt worked as a senior consultant at Innovative Consulting Group and as a registered nurse in the Progressive Care ICU at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, NC.

Threatt earned a Doctorate of Nursing Practice in the Nurse Executive Leadership and Innovations program and Masters of Health Informatics from the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. He has a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and an Associate Degree in Nursing from Central Piedmont Community College. He is a Board Certified Nurse Executive (NE-BC), a member



David Threatt

of HCA Healthcare's Executive Development Program (EDP) class of 2020, and a 2018 Capstone winner for HCA Healthcare Leadership Institute's ACNO Advanced Leadership Program.

## About Coliseum Health System

Owned by HCA Healthcare (HCA), Coliseum Health System is comprised of Coliseum Medical Centers and Coliseum Northside Hospital, two medical/surgical campuses with a total of 413 beds. The hospitals feature an expansive range of state-of-the-art services designed to meet the comprehensive medical needs of central Georgia. Both facilities include a 24-hour emergency room, inpatient and outpatient surgery options, rehabilitation programs, and diagnostic services. In addition, Coliseum Health System's breadth of care options includes specialty

facilities such as the Coliseum Heart Institute, an advanced cardiac center offering all services from non-invasive cardiology to open heart surgery, Coliseum Primary Stroke Center, Coliseum Orthopaedic & Spine Institute, Coliseum Cancer Institute, Coliseum Robotic Institute, Georgia Bariatric Center, Coliseum Rehabilitation Center, and the Family Ties Birthing Center, which includes a level III

neonatal nursery. Additionally, the Coliseum Center for Behavioral Health, located at Coliseum Medical Centers, provides treatment to adults with psychiatric and addiction issues through inpatient and outpatient programs, as well as, a specialty program for senior adults. For more information about Coliseum Health System, visit: <http://coliseumhealthsystem.com>.

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## Reconciliation: Healing the Hurt

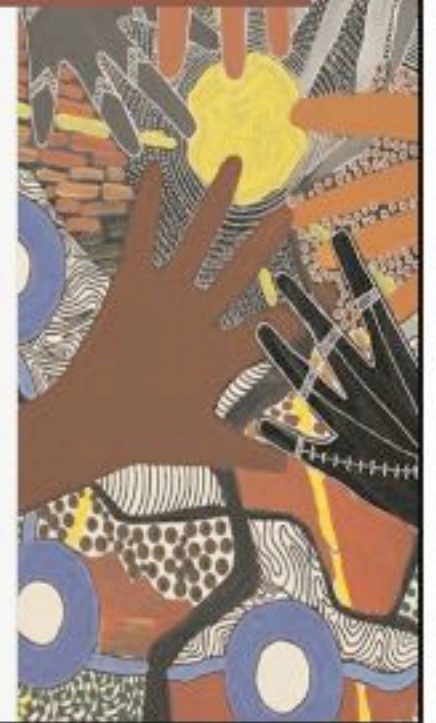
A Community Forum with The Rev. Dr. Gary Mason

MARCH 7, 2020 | 6PM-8PM

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The Rev. Dr. Gary Mason will be with us to rethink how we approach volatile areas of conflict such as race and politics. Gary knows what he's talking about. Prior to founding of Rethinking Conflict Institute, Gary was a clergy person in Belfast and deeply involved in the "Northern Irish Peace Process." He has been honored by Queen Elizabeth for that work.

Gary is a Senior Research Fellow at the Kennedy Institute for Conflict Intervention at Maynooth University in Ireland as well as an adjunct professor at the Candler School of Theology in Emory. He is also active in the reconciliation process between Palestinians and Israelis.



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# Augusta Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update

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**THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND COMMUNITY MEETINGS!**

**VISION: SUSTAIN REGIONAL ECONOMIC GROWTH THROUGH A TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM THAT REDUCES CONGESTION, IMPROVES TRAFFIC SAFETY; AND PROVIDES ROAD MAINTENANCE, PUBLIC TRANSIT, SIDEWALKS, BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN PATHS LINKING JOBS, EDUCATION, HEALTHCARE, AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR ALL CITIZENS AND VISITORS IN RICHMOND, COLUMBIA, AIKEN AND EDGEFIELD COUNTIES.**

Augusta, GA.

The Augusta Regional Transportation Study Metropolitan Planning Organization (ARTS MPO) invites the public to participate in a round of community meetings throughout the region during the month of March 2020. The public will have an opportunity to provide important input on regional transportation priorities for the next 30 years. All community members are invited to review, discuss, and share thoughts about funding priorities and goals for the region's highways, road maintenance, public safety, public transit, aviation, bike and

pedestrian, and multi-use trails. With jobs and population projected to grow exponentially over the next thirty years in the Augusta GA – Aiken SC Metropolitan region, a resilient multimodal transportation system will be

crucial to sustain anticipated growth.

For more information on the ARTS 2050 MTP, please visit [www.FutureMobility2050.com](http://www.FutureMobility2050.com), email [contact@FutureMobility2050.com](mailto:contact@FutureMobility2050.com), or call (706) 821-1796.

MEETING DATES AND TIMES:	
Monday, March 9 <sup>th</sup> – 4pm to 7pm	
Sweetwater Community Center 296 Sweetwater Rd, North Augusta, SC 29860	
Tuesday, March 10 <sup>th</sup> – 4pm to 7pm	
First Baptist Church of Augusta 3500 Walton Way Ext Augusta, GA 30909	Columbia County Water Utility Dept. 2140 William Few Pkwy, Grovetown, GA 30813
Wednesday, March 11 <sup>th</sup> – 4pm to 7pm	
Grovetown City Council Chambers 1040 Newmantown Rd, Grovetown, GA 30813	North Augusta Community Center 495 Brookside Ave, North Augusta, SC 29841
Thursday, March 12 <sup>th</sup> – 4pm to 7pm	
Robert Howard Community Center 103 Diamond Lakes Way, Hephzibah, GA 30815	Odell Weeks Activity Center 1700 Whiskey Rd, Aiken, SC 29803

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