

On the Cover

Software engineer switches applications from computers to cookies

by SUSAN LARSON

ON THE COVER

Steve Stokes, President of Starship Endeavors, prepares his signature Beam Me Up Biscotti.

t's happened a lot in this economy. Someone who is very skilled at what he does and is extremely dedicated to the job is suddenly laid off. It happened to Steve Stokes.

All his life, Stokes was an achiever. At age 12, he earned the rank of Life Scout. He entered Georgia Tech a year early, earned his degree and when computers were still in their infancy, he worked as a computer guru for specialized economic studies in Hawaii and Nova Scotia. But despite his proficiency in the computer field, the bad economy finally cost him his job.

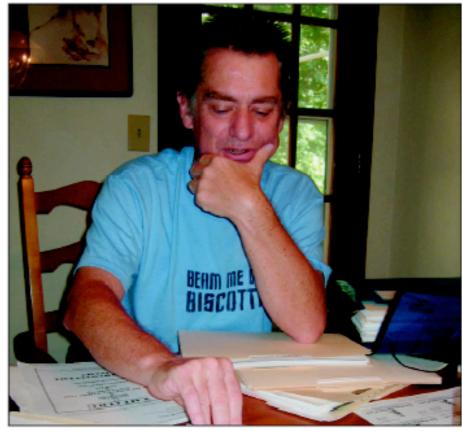
But unlike many who have had a bout of bad luck in the job market, Stokes hung on to his primary identity, that of philoso-

Over the years Stokes has collected bits of philosophical wisdom from magazine ads and wrote quite a few of his own. With lots of time on his hands, he revisited his own writings. "A person of exemplary caliber doesn't squander his talents or ignore his passions" is one that stuck out. He thought back on what he thought were his passions.

"I remember watching the Galloping Gourmet with my mother and that I had a cooking column in my high school newspaper," Stokes said.

Combining those memories with his interest in Star Trek, Stokes followed through with his own philosophy and gave lots of attention to his passion for cooking.

He came up with a variety of "Beam Me Up Biscotti" recipes such as tarragon, orange walnut black pepper and Tuscan spice. He has also developed recipes for Philosopher Scones, named for



Stokes prepares materials for a monthly discussion at The Philosophy Cafe in Buckhead.

the original Harry Potter title, Philosopher Stones, pauper's pouches, little pies filled with fruit or berries and millennium mousse. The latest addition to his menu is kid's sushi, a rolled up blend of sweet treats. And, as a type II diabetic, Stokes has crafted his recipes to be nutritious as well as tasty.

Stokes started taking his baked goods as refreshments at computer networking groups and the next thing he knew people were asking him to bake for special events and corporate gift giving. And that's how his business, Starship Endeavors, got off the ground. Stokes has supplied nutritious desserts for various metro-Atlanta functions, including a Christmas party at St.

Joseph's Hospital.

When he's not cooking up something in the oven, he's cooking up things in his head. Over the years Stokes has designed board games, written sci-fi scripts and invented, among other things, a cost-efficient DeckNet which was featured in Atlanta Home Improvement Magazine. Following his passion for philosophy, on the second Wednesday of every month, Stokes moderates The Philosophy Café at Moe's in Buckhead.

"It's part of my volunteerism to the community," said Stokes, whose new Starship Endeavor is proof of where the application of a little sound philosophy can take vou. More info: beammeuphiscotti@gmail.com.







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The Next Chapter Deception

Book Reviews by ANNE B. JONES, PhD

Deception by Jonathan Kellerman Random House 2010

hen a female staff member at a prestigious Los Angeles prep school is found tortured and murdered, Los Angeles homicide detective Milo Sturgis is assigned the sensitive case. Using evidence found at the scene and the help of his psychologist friend Alex Delaware, Sturgis fights an uphill battle for clues while facing numerous political obstacles. Many of those involved are among society's heavy hitters, making the path to truth a treacherous and dangerous journey.

Traditionally, opening a Jonathan Kellerman mystery is like opening a door to old friends. Through the

years, his Alex Delaware series has attracted millions of loyal readers due to his expert character development, realistic dialogue, sense of setting and depth of plot. This work is an exception. Deception was an entertaining fast read, but doesn't measure up to Kellerman's usual quality. Amazon customers have given the book a four-star rating. Personally, I'd rate it a three. The character development is superficial and the plot is simplistic. In addition, the book has many typos, giving the appearance of hasty editing. Kellerman's unusual lackluster writing was apparent on every page. This is probably bound to happen sometime to an author who has published more than thirty best-selling crime novels, meeting continual deadlines. After the author sees his reviews, I bet the next one will be better. And, because he's a master, I'll buy it.

Feedback and comments welcome: annebjones@msn.com.

Harvest of Art scheduled for September 11th

Special to Senior News

he Harvest of Art festival, presented by the Georgia Piedmont Arts Center (GPAC) in partnership with the City of Auburn and the Auburn Downtown Development Authority, will be held on Seventh Street in downtown Auburn from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 11th.

This street festival will showcase and offer fine art and fine crafts for sale. All work will be original and hand created by the participating artisans from all around North Georgia. There will be musical entertainment during the day, arranged by the folks at 106 West Music School. In an adjacent indoor venue GPAC will be offering FREE mini art lessons to anyone who wishes to participate. There will be adult classes in Acrylic Painting, Watercolor Pencil Drawing, Mosaics and Watercolor Painting. There also

will be fun and creative children's art activities. These FREE mini lessons will be offered at scheduled times all during the day.

Several of the GPAC member artists will be creating original artwork commemorating and honoring the victims and heroes of 9/11. The artwork will be displayed during the festival and will be given to the members of the Auburn Fire Department at the end of the day.

GPAC relocated to "The Cottage" in downtown Auburn in April, and the group is excited and anxious to bring the Harvest of Art Festival and other art opportunities to the community. The folks at the cottage offer many ongoing art lessons, including painting, sculpture, drawing, pottery on the wheel, and various and informative workshops.

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Times Not Forgotten

Is relief in sight?

by CHRISTINE COLEMAN

Ls it my imagination or what? I think I've been feeling a slight change in our hot, humid weather. If that's true, I'm very thankful. Dog days have been with us for quite a while, and they will continue into the first week of this month. After that, things should be much better.

Have you missed hearing the birds sing during Dog days? I surely have. I missed them fussing at me as I picked "their" blueberries in my back yard. I'm ready for them to come around again and make themselves known.

When I was growing up in the 1930s, there were things our parents pointed out to us concerning this time of year. First, they cautioned us to be careful not to skin our knees and elbows. They advised us that scrapes were harder to heal during Dog days. Also, they

reminded us to be careful when we walked in wooded areas. Snakes usually did their shedding during this time. As a result, they were partially blind and couldn't get out of the way as well as at other times.

Of course, we're going to have much more hot, uncomfortable weather, but the time is growing shorter. We can soon get out and walk and drive around in comfort. Even the children have been staying inside in air-conditioned homes. I'm looking forward to taking some drives (mainly to get out of the house) and see what has been going on during these hot, sultry times. What would we do without air conditioning? "Back then," when I was growing up, we had to be content with electric fans as soon as electricity became available. Before that. we had to keep doors and windows open. Thank you, Lord for all you do.

Maybe in the near future, I

can stop paying to have my grass cut, but then there'll be leaves to rake. I can't wait to see the leaves turn their beautiful, bright colors, but then there'll be frost. I'll be uncomfortable, but I'm ready to take the bad with the good. We'll always have things to complain about, but I'm so thankful to have seen and lived through all the different phases of life.

Take a minute sometime to think about all the things you appreciate and all the things you don't really care about. I'll bet you (as well as I) will find there's so much more good than we can really understand or deserve.

Try to stay cool and take heart. There's better weather on the horizon. We'll just remember that Dog days will come again next year.

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Spiritual Notes

A Spiritual Vacation

by Dr. Bill Baggett Minister to Seniors Dunwoody Baptist Church

ummer is a time for a vacation. My wife and I had a special opportunity this year as we traveled to Yellowstone National Park to spend a few days of vacation with our granddaughter Jennifer Williams. Jennifer will be a junior in college this fall and has spent the summer with other college students on the staff at Yellowstone.

Although we had traveled some

in the western part of the country we had not been to a national park. Jennifer had a few hours a day of free time to give us the "grand tour." As we moved around the various sections of the Park, we were struck with the beauty of the mountains, lakes, the lush forest and the freedom of all the wild life as they moved at will wherever they pleased. Our days were filled with one "ah ha" experience after another. The deer and elk were beautiful and graceful while the Bison were large and not so handsome. It was obvious that they were at home and roamed

freely, even on the road ways. We were pleased that a Grizzly bear never came around!

We spent one day in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. My wife's maiden name is Jackson and she hoped to find some identity with the namesake of the town. Unfortunately the town was named for a pioneer fur trapper with no ties to her Georgia family. We also spent some time in the Grand Tetons Park just north of Jackson Hole. They are indeed

As we ended each day, our conversations turned to the majesty of our God. Who else could form such beauty? The beauty of Yellowstone is a gift of our Heavenly Father. We were also thankful for the experience Jennifer had for the three months she spent in the Park. She made new friends and plans to work in a similar venue next summer.

lowship with the Creator of the Universe on this vacation. We are thankful to have had this unique time of fellowship with God. Each day was one worshipful experience after the other.

We never expected to have fel-

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Circle Your Wagons by Nina L. Clauss

Circle the wagons when storms

Let God lead the wagons, His love

will endure.

When storm clouds are darkest, His light comes through,

Trust Him always, He'll be there for you.

I've seen dark tunnels and mountains so high,

Passageways narrow, he will get you

God gave us abilities, for Him I use them.

I'll use my skills in a way to please Him.

I write of my blessings, many have come my way.

I count them daily, to the Lord I say. Thank you Jesus for being here for

I am older and wiser and now I can see.

Where I've had you in my life forever,

With the Lord my life is a pleasant endeavor.

So, I'll circle my wagons as I've always done.

No matter what, it's God's way or

GOD IS GOOD ... ALL THE TIME! (2005)

The Soul Who Wrote by Tabatha McCormick

The soul who wrote this little rhyme was a pretty good person, most of the time

Life was great and according to plan but something was missing, not at all grand

One late night it all became clear

when a friend spoke life, words so

It wasn't enough just to believe Jesus was calling and He'll never leave

Falling to my knees

I begged "Lord please"

Forgive me for the way I've been living my life

Father give me the strength to defeat my strife.

I felt Jesus' heart so full of gladness a love so deep, to the world it's madness

I know I am changed, in Christ I'm made new

I wrote this to say, "Would you like to know Him to?'

Lord I Praise Thee by Rachel Thompson

In Thee O Lord I put my trust, through all that I endure in my life. You are my strength and help in times of trouble, my rock and fortress in my strife.

It is in my trials that I remember your goodness, even though my eves can't see.

It is my Faith in you God why I lift my hands and will always Praise Thee.

In those times when I life my voice in Prayer to ask you, Father, please help.

You might no answer at that very moment, because you are teaching me to be patient and wait.

For you God and only you are in control of my fate.

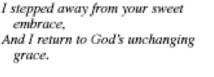
I can't Thank you enough, or Praise you enough, for all that you have done for me.

So I will hold on through it all, and continue to Praise you unconditionally.

True Love by Esther M. Thomas

I rang the doorbell and you let me in.

I was quickly aroused by the sight of your skin.



We hugged for a long length of time,

I knew then that I needed to unwind.

We ate the delicious dinner without

And we shared the chores of tidying up the place.

"What Now?" I spoke with an air of surprise,

As we sit on the sofa in a state of disguise.

The messages of God echoed deep inside,

And I turned to you without wavering and said...

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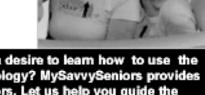
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Taking Care

Take charge of your health to reduce complications... How to prevent situations that could land you or a loved one in the hospital

by LISA M. PETSCHE

As we age, our chances of being hospitalized increase due to the increased likelihood of multiple chronic health conditions. The good news is



that numerous risk factors are within our control and can help us prevent or manage health problems, reducing our chances of compli-

cations and hospitalizations.

Follow these tips to help preserve your well-being and independence or that of a loved one for whom you are providing care.

Physical health

- Get regular medical checkups. If you miss an appointment or a test, call to reschedule right away.
- Have your vision and hearing tested on a regular basis.
- Ensure vaccinations are up to date.
 Get vaccinated against influenza annually and early in the season.
- Stay away from people with colds, flus or other contagious illnesses.
 Keep hand sanitizer by your front entrance and use it coming and going.
 Also keep a travel size bottle in your vehicle or handbag, or a miniature sized one in your pocket.

- Take medications as prescribed and at regularly scheduled times each day.
 Fill all prescriptions at one pharmacy.
 Ask the pharmacist about available aids for organizing and remembering to take medications.
- Practice healthy lifestyle habits: eat nutritious meals, get adequate rest and exercise regularly.
- Limit your sun exposure and always use sunscreen outdoors. A wide-brimmed hat is also advisable, as are sunglasses that block out 100 percent of ultraviolet rays.
- Do as much for yourself as possible, to maintain your abilities.
- Investigate available resources in your community, which might include grocery delivery services, meals on wheels, volunteer driver programs, accessible transportation, home health services and seniors' housing. Such information can be obtained from the local office on aging.

Mental health

- Do things that center you and bring inner peace, such as practicing yoga, keeping a journal or spending time in nature.
- Set aside daily time for relaxation
 for example, reading or listening to music.
- Keep in regular contact with friends. If your social network has diminished, make new connections

through taking a class, volunteering or joining a club.

Safety

In addition to health and age related changes, hazardous conditions in the home environment are a major cause of falls resulting in hospitalization. Fortunately, there are numerous ways to reduce these hazards for yourself or a loved one.

- In stairwells: Ensure steps are in good repair and have a non-skid surface, Keep them free of clutter. Have solid handrails installed on both sides of stairways and ensure adequate lighting
- In the kitchen: Keep regularly used pots, dishes, staple foods and other supplies within easy reach. Ensure the heaviest items are stored in the lower cupboards. If you must reach high places, get a step stool that has a high handrail and rubber tips. Never use a chair.
- In the bathroom: Have grab bars professionally installed by the toilet and in the bathtub or shower area. Use a rubber mat (the kind with suction cups) in the tub or shower, and a nonskid bath mat on the floor. Consider getting a raised toilet seat, a bathtub seat or shower chair and a hand-held shower attachment.

General tips

- Wear slippers or shoes that fit snugly offer good support and have a non-skid sole.
- Ensure throw rugs and scatter mats have a non-skid backing. Better yet, remove them.
- Keep walkways clear of electrical and telephone cords.
- Avoid clutter in rooms and hallways.
- Use night-lights in the bedroom, hallways and bathroom. Get the kind that has a built-in sensor that automatically turns the light on in dim conditions. Also get plug-in, rechargeable flashlights that automatically come on when the power goes out.
- Sign on with a personal emergency response service, whereby you wear a lightweight, waterproof pendent or bracelet that has a button to press if you run into a crisis and need help.
- Visit a medical supply store and check out the many products that can make daily activities easier and safer.
- Consider a cane or walker if balance is an ongoing problem. Make sure you are fitted with the appropriate type of aid and receive instruction on how to properly use it.

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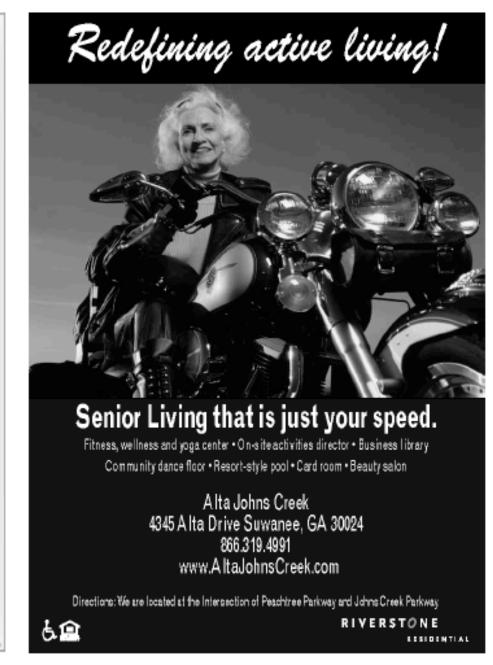
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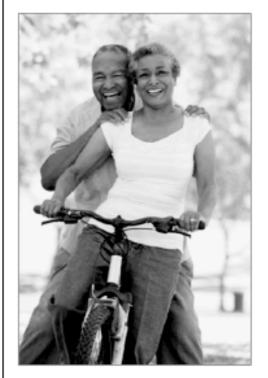
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The Panda Lady

by MARY FRANCES

eople get so much joy from seeing the pandas," said Panda Lady Dorothy Kuhlman, a Volunteer at Zoo Atlanta. Dorothy, has learned much about these solitary creatures who sleep in trees. She is a plant enthusiast and water conservationist and has been a volunteer at the zoo for 20 years. Zoo Atlanta has a man-made Asian for-



est and African plains and is located in the heart of Atlanta.

"In Atlanta, Pandas live in airconditioning in the summer and eat peeled bamboo with leaves, fruits and vegetables. Because they are fed so well in the 34-acre Atlanta zoo, their life span is expanded to 30 years. Similar Pandas living in the wild live only from 16 to 18 years. Zoo Atlanta pampers its pandas, says the Panda Lady, with regular physicals and dental attention and man-made cookies that contain protein, minerals, and vitamins. At Zoo Atlanta pandas enjoy lounging in a hammock made of used fire

Baby pandas are born tiny, the size of a stick of butter, but their lungs are fully developed. It's a good thing too, says the Panda Lady, else they would be overlooked by their mother. She responds to their squeals by scooping the infant from the ground to nurse him. For a year and a half she cares for her offspring then

frees the young to live on their own.

Dorothy Kuhlman, age 78, resides in north DeKalb County in a tree-shaded home with two cats. The house is surrounded by beds of blooming plants that drink a lot of water, says Kuhlman. Multi-colored, empty buckets sit among the plants waiting to capture the

Kuhlman was a military wife of 22 years, the mother of two daughters and a son. After the death of her even-tempered pilot husband, who died of cancer, Kuhlman turned to volunteering at Zoo Atlanta, the Alliance Theater, and the Botanical Gardens. When she was in training at the zoo she jumped at the opportunity to work with the pandas. Today, in zoo uniform, she wipes the humidity from the viewing window and eagerly answers the questions of hundreds of viewers that



Dorothy Kuhlman at home in her garden

stroll through the zoo. For all her devotion and attention, the Panda Lady has not talked to or touched a panda. "They have sharp claws," she says. It's devotion at a distance.

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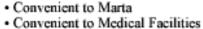
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Special to Senior News

Recently, Senior
Connections, the nonprofit
agency that provides Meals on
Wheels, home repair, in-home
care and neighborhood centers to
Metro Atlanta seniors,
announced the launch of its new
Fixit Connection, a home repair
and handyman service for senior
homeowners that provides guaranteed professional services plus
peace of mind.

"We've learned through our publicly-funded home repair work what a relief it is to be able to put one's trust in Senior Connections to get the repair work done correctly and on time," notes Debra Furtado, CEO of Senior Connections. "That same relief should be available at competitive prices to any senior paying for the work themselves. In the past, too many seniors haven't had that safety net."

Seniors will feel secure opening their front door to the Fixit Connection repairmen – they've got 37 years of Senior Connections' experience and reputation behind them. Whenever an electrician or plumber or carpenter comes out to handle a repair job, Senior Connections is still the homeowner's point of

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"It's all about trust and reputation," Ms. Furtado emphasized. "For almost three decades, we've been watching out for seniors in metro Atlanta. Our mission is to maximize independence for seniors through advocacy, information and services. We know that the Fixit Connection is a much needed service in today's market."

Services Provided by the Fixit Connection:

General home repairs designed to make a senior's home safe, from roof and floor repairs to adding bathroom safety items and wheelchair ramps for accessibility; electrical and plumbing solutions; smaller interior and exterior handyman services. Other services include weatherizing doors and windows; painting and more.

Seniors interested in learning more about the Fixit Connection can call Senior Connections at 770-455-7602 or visit the organization's website at www.seniorconnectionsatl.org.

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Wheels, home repair, in-home care and neighborhood centers to area seniors. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, services are available to anyone over the age of 60, regardless of income level. In 2009, Senior Connections began providing educational classes and travel excursions as well. Senior Connections also offers services and information to help families cope with the many dilemmas that can arise as parents, grandparents, friends, and loved ones "come of age." For more information on Senior Connections, visit www.seniorconnectionsatl.org.





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Ansel Adams: A Legacy Exhibition Makes Georgia **Premiere Booth Western Art Museum announces** largest temporary exhibition in Museum history

Special to Senior News

n September 25, 2010, the Booth Western Art Museum will open the largest temporary exhibition ever held at the Museum. Ansel Adams: A Legacy will occupy two galleries and feature more than one hundred original photographs which span the career of Ansel Adams. The exhibition will be open through February 20, 2011.

"Ansel Adams is considered one of the best landscape photographers of all time and we are eestatic to premiere this exhibition in Georgia right here at the Booth Museum," said Booth Museum Executive Director Seth Hopkins. "Not only will this be the largest exhibition we have ever had at the Museum, but it is the largest collection of Adams' works to ever be displayed in the state. Even those who have viewed other Ansel Adams exhibitions are sure to see some new and somewhat rare photographs in A

Adams is well known as both a skilled photographer and environmentalist. His black and white images of the American West, especially in Yosemite National Park, are often reproduced for posters, calendars and in books, making his artwork widely recognized. Though other Adams' exhibitions have been displayed in Georgia, this collection will include several cityscapes and rarely seen portraits of the artists in his circle, including Georgia O'Keefe, as well as many of his most famous images of all time.

The works in A Legacy, originally printed by the artist himself in his California darkroom, were given to his organization, The Friends of Photography, and initially displayed as an exhibition in China. The Booth Museum exhibition will showcase these works in

the intimate scale Adams intended, and will also include educational components unique to the Museum.

An only child, Adams was born in San Francisco, California in 1902. His shy demeanor made it difficult for Adams to fit in at school and make friends. At the age of 12, he found a love and talent for reading music and playing piano which brought substance and worth to his life.

Though he established a professional career as a pianist, Adams abandoned the trade to pursue a career in photography which he discovered he also had a natural gift. An avid supporter and member of the environmental organization Sierra Club, Adams most enjoyed capturing images of the land and helping to raise awareness of the importance of conservation.

Booth Museum members are invited to a members-only opening Booth Theatre. Memberships will be available at the door.

For more information about Ansel Adams: A Legacy, call 770-387-1300

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largest art museum in the reception for Ansel Adams: A Legacy state of Georgia, and houses on Saturday, September 25, beginning the largest permanent exhiat 5:00 p.m. At 7:00 p.m., respected bition space for Western art photography curator Susan Toddin the country. To learn more about the Booth Raque, will present a lecture on the life and art of Ansel Adams in the Western Art Museum, visit www.boothmuseum.org.

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Imagine a pair of glasses that could improve your vision enough to change your life. Bioptic telescopes may be the breakthrough in optical technology that could help you regain your independence. "Our job is to figure out everything and anything possible to keep a person functioning," says Dr. Saunders. "Even if it's driv-

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office. He could not read street signs soon enough and felt unsafe while driving. Dr. Saunders fit him with a pair of bioptic telescopes for driving. "I can now read the street signs and I feel much more comfortable driving again." says James. Dr. Saunders also prescribed microscope glasses for reading newspapers and playing dominos.

Randy Day of North Georgia came to Dr. Saunders having trouble with everyday activities. These bioptic glasses have greatly changed my outdoor activities, as well as, the things I can do in the house," says Randy. "They help me see the TV, the computer, and read books. As you know, I'm a ham radio operator and the new technology has made everything much smaller, but with my bioptic glasses, it's no longer a challenge for me.

Telescopic glasses can cost over \$2,000, says Dr. Saunders.

Low vision devices are not always expensive. Some reading glasses cost as little as \$475 and some magnifiers under \$100. Every case is different because people have different levels of vision and different desires.

Dr. Brian Saunders has offices located in Atlanta, Savannah, and Valdosta, Georgia.

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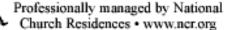
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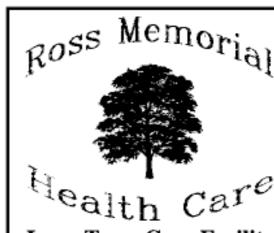
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Smyrna Golden K Club inspired by speaker to donate to VRS

Special to Senior News

he Golden Kiwanis club of Smyrna, GA presented a donation to Vision Rehabilitation Services (VRS) to provide funds for services for individuals who are blind or visually impaired. The club was inspired to donate by a recent guest speaker, Deidri Cumbie. Deidri, a VRS board member, shared her story about how she suddenly went blind almost 20 years ago and how she found services to teach her how to live an independent life at VRS.

Completely blinded as a result of surgery to remove a brain tumor, Deidri struggled to perform her activities of daily living as a mother and a wife without her vision. A year later, she heard about the services that VRS could offer her. She began the program by meeting with

VRS' Licensed Clinical Social Worker to discuss her needs and with the help of the staff at VRS; a custom plan of services was built around her. Deidri was taught how to read and write Braille. A Certified Vision Rehabilitation Therapist then came to her home and labeled in Braille the kitchen appliances, the pantry items, the washer and dryer, her toiletries, her clothing and more so she could identify which buttons to press, how to match an outfit and how differentiate between conditioner and shampoo without her sight. She was also taught how to navigate outside her home by a Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialist from VRS using a white cane. Deidri continued her training a few years later and became proficient on computer access software for the visually impaired. Deidri also has a guide dog and lives a very full life.



Left to right are: Alan Wilgus, President of Smyrna Golden K; Joan M. Stuart, CEO & Executive Director of VRS; Joe Bland, Golden K and VRS board member; and, Charles "Pete" Wood, Golden K and VRS board member.

She told the Golden K Club, "the only thing I can't do is drive.

After Deidri shared her story,

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ization. The club also voted to provide volunteer services to the organization's upcoming fundraiser, the Race to See. The Race to See is an annual 5K race and 1K walk that raises funds to teach people who are blind or visually impaired how to function independently in their own environment. The event will be held on Saturday morning, October 23, 2010 at 8:00 am at Campbell High School in Smyrna. A spaghetti dinner will be held the night before, Friday, October 22, 2010 from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm and will feature a silent auction and 50/50 raffle. For more information on the Race to See, visit www.vrsga.org or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Race to See benefiting Vision Rehabilitation Services. VRS is located at 3830 South Cobb Drive in Smyrna and may also be contacted at 770-432-7280.

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