

The Next Stage

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Newsletter of The Huntsville Division Alumni Association

NOVEMBER 10, 2022

Next Board Mtg:

(2nd Thu each quarter)
Jan 12, Apr 13, Jul
13, Oct 12 2023.

2:30 pm Faith
Presbyterian Church,
SE corner of
Whitesburg/Airport,
5003 Whitesburg Dr.

Dates to Remember:

2022

Sat. 12/3: Christmas
Party...Mag Trace
Act-III Lounge.
Social Hr: 11 a.m.
Lunch: ~12 p.m.

2023

Spring Breakfast: TBD
Summer Picnic:
6/3 Tentative
Fall Lunch: TBD
Christmas Party: 12/2
Details of events
provided closer to
date of event!

**Come hungry,
come happy...
Please join us!**

Monthly:

Please contact the
appropriate person if
there is interest in
attending one of these
gatherings!

1st Wed: Ladies
Luncheon @ Gibson's
S Mem Pkwy. **Still not
certain of fire repair
ETC date. Will keep
you posted.**

3rd Wed: Lunch @
Logan's/Balmoral Dr.
**Email Jim Gasaway
@ djgas@att.net if
interested!**

***Calories don't
count when eating
with friends!***



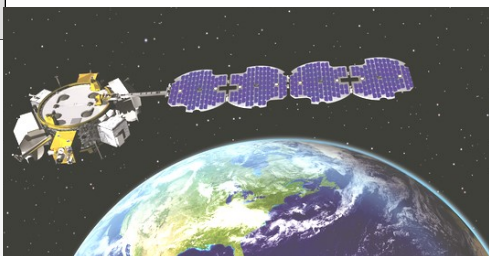
Our annual Christmas Party meeting will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2022, in the Act-III Lounge on the lower level of Magnolia Trace. Plan to arrive at 11:00 a.m., with lunch being served ~12:00 Noon. The delicious meal will consist of: Garden Salad with Champagne Vinaigrette dressing, ham and roasted turkey, with gravy and cranberry sauce, cornbread dressing, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, Tiramisu, assorted breads with butter, and beverages of water, iced tea, coffee and condiments. Great start for the holidays!

Your committee, Cecil Stokes, Glenn Webb, and Jan Kranert have kept the cost to \$15 per person, again subsidized with HDAA funds for the annual meeting. Thanks to you all for yet another job well done!

Paid reservations should be in by Monday, 28 November so proper planning/preparation can be done for this successful event. Mail checks to HDAA, P.O. Box 4185, Huntsville, AL 35815. And, like last year, if you're unable to attend, why not give another the opportunity and pass your reservations to them.

Live entertainment is, as yet, undecided: Strings of Pearls (violinist ensemble) and some more Carols with Gerald and Juanita Roberts!

***We look forward to seeing you in this cozy setting
December 3rd, ~11:00 a.m.!***



NOC Supports Successful U.S. Space Force-44 Mission

Northrop Grumman Corporation (NOC) played a critical role in the integration, launch, and deployment of the U.S. Space Force (USSF)-44 mission that successfully launched 11/1 from Kennedy Space Center, FL. Several hardware and software platforms were provided to deliver multiple missions for customers including highly complex payloads from multiple industry partners.

The Long Duration Propulsive (ESPA (LDPE)-2 spacecraft on this mission, pictured above) carries six payloads with independent mission objectives. The USSF-44 is the second of three missions for the LDPE program. NOC will continue to deliver mission systems engineering, ground software systems and hardware platforms like ESPASat for critical missions such as the recent award of ROOSTER by the Space Force. These payloads launched through 2022 support missions spanning human exploration, scientific discovery, communications and national security.

(More Information may be found at: <https://www.northropgrumman.com/news/releases>, dated 11.1.22)
(See Space Force 44 Mission)

Fall Breakfast Photos!

Amma and Bill Barnes enjoy the success of their endeavors for another event for HDAA! *Thanks for all you do!*



Liz Hall (Zeman) enjoying the company of Amma and Bill as they just complete the scrumptious breakfast served at Brookdale.

President **Tom and Carol Bryant** relaxing after a great meal and are ready to visit. *Brookdale has always done an Exceptional job for our events! Great job!*



Rhonda/Mark Locker seem to be happy with the breakfast, as well! *Always good to see old friends from TC days.*

Patty and Glenn Webb savoring the camaraderie.



Betty Willis welcoming attendees as she works the registration table. *As pretty as the flowers, Betty!*

Never miss an opportunity to enjoy dear friends whenever possible!

Friends In The News...

Gerald and Juanita Roberts entertained us all at last year's Christmas party with beautiful holiday carols. Maybe we can enjoy a few again this year with a fun sing-along to welcome Joy!

They also are part of the Living Christmas Tree event at the First Baptist Church, 600 Governor's Drive, Huntsville, scheduled as follows (all performances 60 minutes, except as noted):

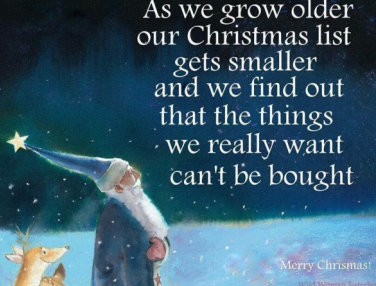
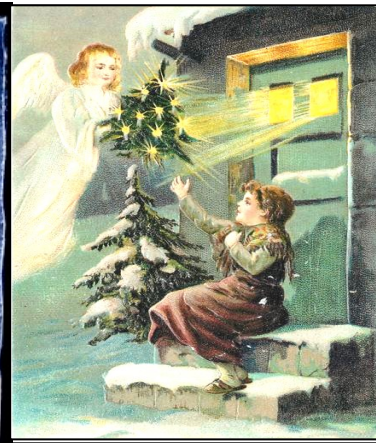
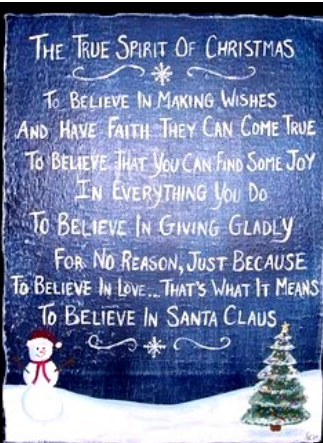
- Thu, 12/15: 7:30 p.m. (dress rehearsal)
- Fri, 12/16: 7:30 p.m.
- Sat, 12/17: 4:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
- Sun, 12/18: 5:30 p.m.

Abbreviated performance:

- Sat, 12/17: 11:00 a.m. (children's tree)
- Sun, 12/18: 3:00 p.m. (45 minutes)

Special guest musical performer, the renowned Steve Amerson, known throughout the music industry as a magnificent tenor.

These performances are FREE to the community as FBC's gift to Huntsville. However, tickets must be reserved beginning Monday, 11/28 a.m. on-line at FBCHSV.org/LCT or by calling 256.428.9400. If you DO get a ticket and cannot make your performance, please return the ticket to FBC so those wait-listed may have an opportunity to attend this fabulous event. *Make this an annual event!*



As we grow older our Christmas list gets smaller and we find out that the things we really want can't be bought

Merry Christmas

SLATE OF OFFICERS AND BOARD NOMINATED FOR 2023

(Highlighted names only to be voted upon at the annual Christmas Business Meeting.)

President	Ray Zimmerman
Vice President	(Open—TBD during meeting)
Secretary	Cecil Stokes (TBD during meeting)
Treasurer/Membership	Charlie Thomas (TBD during meeting)

Directors ('23): Ron Clements Glenn Webb Benny Pitsinger	Directors ('24): Jan Kranert Gerald Roberts Patti Wilson	Directors ('25): Tom Bryant TBD during meeting TBD during meeting
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Ex Officio: (Vacant)/Historian
Cecil Stokes/WebMaster

Retiring from Board: Jim Gasaway, Bill Barnes, Paul McFall. All others agreed to serve again.

*To Jim, Bill, and Paul, and all who agreed to serve again...again...and again...
THANKS for serving HDAA with your time and efforts! We appreciate all you have done over the years to serve the entire membership. Gold Medals to you!*

Thanks to Ray and the Nominating Committee for doing such a great job! It's getting more and more difficult to recruit new members to the Board. So, the same folks are filling positions often, requiring Bylaw changes (see below).

We can elect additional directors (Board members) at the annual Christmas meeting; and, anyone else willing to serve should let that be known prior to the 12/3 party by contacting a Board Member. Surviving spouses of former HD employees are just as much members as their late spouses were (and, thus, can hold office). We would appreciate your willingness to serve! It's only 4 meetings/year, very casual, and fun (might even get a dinner out afterwards).

If you can't make the Christmas meeting, ballots may be snailmailed: HDAA, P.O. Box 4185, Huntsville, AL 35815-4185; or contact a board member so your vote may be counted at the 12/3 meeting. If coming to the meeting, your ballot may be included with reservations to the annual meeting and will be counted at the annual meeting, usually by a vocal vote of Aye or Nay. *It's hoped you'll join us for this festive, important Christmas Party!* 🙌

PROPOSED CHANGE TO HDAA BYLAWS

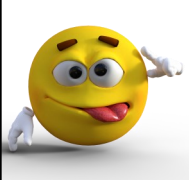
As noted above, President Tom Bryant indicated the need to modify the bylaws so we can act in accordance with bylaws in reelecting the Secretary and Treasurer/Membership positions. Secretary Cecil Stokes and Treasurer Charlie Thomas have volunteered to retain these positions for several years, since members are not anxious to fill them. And, as noted by the number of Board positions marked as TBD, above, it is getting extremely difficult for the nominating committees to get volunteers to fill positions.

Understandably, most of them are either active with their current company, or heavily involved with children/grand-children events. We all get that...been there, done that! But! If we want this amazing organization to remain solvent, it takes a few other folks to go above and beyond once in a while, like the more recent Boards have done for several years.

So, we need to modify the existing Paragraph 4A of the bylaws to read: "An officer may be reelected to the same or different office position, but the President and/or Vice President cannot serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office/position." This change should take care of members who stay in their positions for multiple years. To be voted on at the party.

Ray Zimmerman and the committee did an amazing job of canvassing the membership to fill positions, but most responses were "I'll think about it," with few return calls. We understand the aging membership requires possible moves to be nearer to family, illness, etc. So, Ray even solicited some of our younger membership who have moved to other companies since Thiokol.

Please give consideration to serving your membership in some position on the Board. It's fun!



I hate it when I can't figure out how to operate something on my iPad and my tech support guy is asleep. He's 5 and it's way past his bedtime.

Today's 3-year-olds can switch on laptops and open their favorite apps. When I was 3, I ate mud.....

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REMINDER: \$12 DUES FOR 2022 WERE DUE 1/1/22.
IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY SUBMITTED, PLEASE
CONSIDER DOING SO SOON. THANKS!



*Election Day—11/8
Hope you voted!
Veterans Day—11/11
Thanksgiving—11/24
Pearl Harbor Day—12/7
Hanukkah—12/18
Christmas—12/25*

*May your Holiday Joy
last the whole year
through!*

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The 2022 HDAA Board consists of :
President/Tom Bryant, VP/Ray Zimmerman, Secretary/Cecil Stokes, Treasurer-Membership/Charlie Thomas. Directors: (22) Bill Barnes; (22) Jim Gasaway, (22) Juanita Roberts; (23) Benny Pittsinger, (23) Ron Clements, (23) Glenn Webb; (24) Jan Kranert, (24) Gerald Roberts, (24) Patti Wilson.

Ex-officio members of the Board are: Historian, and Cecil Stokes/WebMaster.

Contact Cecil for details about the HDAA website and how to view more photos in color!

Don't forget to join us at Magnolia Trace 12/3/22, at 11 a.m.! Sing carols!



In Fond Memory...

We join the families in mourning the loss of family, friends and prior coworkers:

Mary B. (Gwen) Herman: Who worked in Programs.

Dennis Webb: Son of Glenn Webb, who worked in Programs.

They will be sorely missed by us all, since they truly touched our lives.



Cultivate the habit of being grateful for every good thing that comes to you, and to give thanks continuously. And because all things have contributed to your advancement, you should include all things in your gratitude.

— **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

For somehow, not only at Christmas, but all the long year through, the joy that you give to others is the joy that comes back to you.

— **John Greenleaf Whittier**

Keep some room in your heart for the unimaginable....

— **Mary Oliver, Poet**

...and some joy in your soul to believe it! — **Patti Wilson**