

Senior Moments

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Lee Godchaux

On Friday, 2/6, Andy Daniel and I met with Greg Parsons, Assistant Vice President at Planning, Design & Construction for UAB. Greg is going to be New Horizons' contact with the UAB administration as all of our prior contacts have left for other opportunities. It was a very timely meeting.

We were shown a plot plan for the proposed soccer field and stadium to be built to the rear of the Marshall Center. The Marshall Center was included in the plan. The surface level parking lot next to the Center was not. The plan, however, is by no means finalized.

Andy and I were able to inform Greg as to the operations of New Horizons as he is relatively new to UAB. Consequently, Greg is now considering a surface level parking area between the stadium and the Marshall Center that could be used by both.

There are no current drawings for the renovation to the Marshall Center. Greg stated the funding for the renovation is not yet in place. A major gift could affect the building plans in order to meet the needs of the donor. Andy and I reviewed how New Horizons

presently uses the space as well as when we use the space. Greg assured us our needs will be taken into account in the future plans for the building. Greg proposed that any major donor for the building renovation be alerted to the needs of New Horizons.

At this point, the only construction to be undertaken is the soccer field itself. This will be done this summer and left to settle for a year. The timing of the construction of the stadium is not determined at this point. It may take place during New Horizons' 2015-2016 season. If so Greg promised to find us a temporary site, which will meet our needs for meeting space and adjacent parking, hopefully at surface level. As several existing parking lots at UAB are being absorbed by new construction, finding such a complex may be difficult.

TRIP TO MONTGOMERY

by Sandra Vinik

On a dreary, rainy January day a bus load of New Horizons members had a most exciting bus trip to Montgomery. Our tourists were troopers; nobody canceled for weather and nobody was late, although we left very early because we had a full agenda.

The highlight of the trip was the visit to the state-of-the-art Hyundai factory, which was something like stepping into a science fiction movie. The Montgomery plant manufactures the Elantra and Sonata models of Hyundai as well as direct injection and turbo engines. Working together, robots, computers and employees produce 1,500 vehicles a day.



Robots at Hyundai factory



We were issued head sets and safety glasses and loaded onto carts for the tour. Except for the painting of the car, which occurs in an environmentally controlled area, we saw the entire process of manufacture, starting with large rolls of steel and ending with beautiful cars driven off the assembly line. After assembly, we saw the cars speed off onto a two-mile test track, which is partly smooth and partly bumpy, to be checked for rattles and other manufacturing issues.

The robots are astounding. About 280 computer controlled robots maneuver and weld the body parts together, and another 150 work on the engines. On the assembly line the employees have 48 seconds to complete each assigned task, and somehow in that 48 seconds found time to smile and wave at us as we passed by.

We also visited the new "Alabama Voices" exhibit, which opened last year at the Alabama Museum. It is spectacular. We were impressed with the sophistication of the presentation, which depicts the complexity of Alabama history from the 1700's to the present. Over 800 artifacts, hundreds of documents, and twenty two audiovisual programs explain the financial and political forces that impacted the Creek Indians, slavery, the Civil War, Reconstruction, the battle for Civil Rights, and today's economy. Although we allocated two hours for the visit, it was not enough since we had also scheduled at tour the White House of the Confederacy and a delicious lunch at a fancy restaurant.

What a day!

FEBRUARY PARTY

by Lolly Barnes

Well, Mary Pate did it again! With the able assistance of Jane Crouch and Beverly Johnson, Mary arranged a lovely buffet lunch at the UAB Alumni Center for New Horizons members. Entertainment is always provided, and on this occasion we heard members of the Alabama School of Fine Arts string orchestra performing pieces ranging from Mozart to Motown. They were conducted by former ASFA graduate and acclaimed jazz flutist, Kim Scott.

FEBRUARY PARTY



George Jackson, Jane Crouch, and Beverly Jackson



Frances Johnson and Sue Thomas



Jack Ferguson, Carmen Habeeb,
Ena Fay Bennett, and Austin Bennett



Larry Loveland, Martha Loveland,
Sandy Hines, and Don Hamner



Lee Godchaux



ASFA string orchestra members and Kim Scott on right

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership fees are as follows:

\$250 -- Full year membership for one person,
payable only in the fall

\$450 -- Full membership for couples, payable
only in the fall

\$ 92 -- Membership for one person for one
term

\$184 -- Membership for couples for one term.

Payments should be made in class at the
beginning of the term and should not be sent to
UAB. Payment may not be made via phone,
and credit cards are not accepted.

REMAINING TERM OF 2014-2015 SESSION

Spring: Tues., Mar. 17 - Thurs., May 7

ADDRESS FOR NEW HORIZONS AT UAB

Marshall Conference Center, 802 11th Street.
Park in Lot #15.

BOOK SWAP

If you have too many books and want a new
home for them, bring them to New Horizons for
swapping. During intermission, select a book
that appeals to you. Unclaimed books will be
passed on to other programs, such as
bookmobiles.

FRIDAY FORUM

This group meets in the Marshall Conference
Center each Friday during the year (with the
exception of major religious holidays). Forum
discussions are about local, national and
international matters of interest. Each member
sees things differently, making for lively
discussions. Moderators serve on a rotating
basis. All members of New Horizons are
invited to attend and participate.

GUEST POLICY

We welcome guests to our lectures to introduce
them to our organization. Members may invite
as many guests during the year as they wish,
but each guest may attend only *one* session
during the year. This policy allows us to extend
the courtesy to more prospective members and
individual guests. This rule applies to the
Friday Forum as well.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

The success of New Horizons depends on the
support and participation of the membership in
the Curriculum Committee deliberations. All
active members are encouraged to attend the
meetings. If you run across any speakers with
topics of interest, let us know.

SPRING TERM 2015

New Horizons at UAB

ALL SESSIONS MEET FROM 9:30 A.M. UNTIL NOON

COFFEE, ETC. FROM 9:00 A.M.

- Tuesday
Mar. 17 **Bringing Pleasure Through Music**
Ray Reach, Jr., pianist, vocalist, educator, Dir. of Student Jazz Programs for the Alabama Jazz Hall of Fame
Moderator: Jerry Brown
- Wednesday
Mar. 18 **A Radio Hero**
Bob Friedman, Director, Birmingham Black Radio Museum project
Moderator: Lee Godchaux
- Thursday
Mar. 19 **A Glimpse of a Civilized Life: Richard Davis Thunderbird**
Grace Slaughter, former children's librarian, Birmingham Public Library
Moderator: Rowena Teague
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- Tuesday
Mar. 24 **Alabama Initiative for Independent Journalism**
Carol Nunnally, Journalist
Moderator: Lee Godchaux
- Wednesday
Mar. 25 **We Love Opera - Part 1**
Andy Viruleg, retired chemistry teacher and music aficionado
Moderator: Mary Viruleg
- Thursday
Michael Velliquette - Desire for Being
Field trip to AEIVA (Abroms-Engel Institute for the Visual Arts)
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- Tuesday
Mar. 31 **TBA**
Kenneth S. Saag, MD, MSc, Professor of Medicine, UAB
Moderator: Pat Weil
- Wednesday
Apr. 1 (1) **Grace Home, an orphanage founded by a Sherpa** and (2) **Trekking in the Himalayas**
(1) Dr. Dick Echols, head of Grace Home Foundation and (2) Mike Schebner
Moderator: Steve Hodges
- Thursday
Apr. 2 **We Love Opera - Part 2**
Andy Viruleg, retired chemistry teacher and music aficionado
Moderator: MaryViruleg
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- Tuesday
Apr. 7 **The Amazon**
Richard Ryel, owner, Ryel and Associates - CruiseOne, Inc
Moderator: Lee Godchaux
- Wednesday
Apr. 8 **Introduction to Subatomic Particles and the Hadron Collider/Cern**
Dr. Coner Henderson, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Physics, UA
Moderator: Andy Daniel
- Thursday
Apr. 9 **Field Trip to Birmingham Zoo**
Moderator: Mary Pate

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- Tuesday
Apr. 14 **The Coming Crisis in Eastern Water (AL, FL, and GA)**
Bob Greene, JD, Visiting Professor of Law and Director, Environmental Studies, Cumberland School of Law
Moderator: Carol Schulz
- Wednesday
Apr. 15 **Film Adaptation and Transformation or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Enjoy the Movies**
Geoffrey Wright, PhD., English Professor, Samford University
Moderator: Rod Davis
- Thursday
Apr. 16 **Exploring Alabama's Incredible Natural Resources**
John Walthen, accidental environmentalist
Moderator: Joanna Liverant
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- Tuesday
Apr. 21 **The Ghost Tiger (The Flying Tigers)**
Billy MacDonald
Moderator: Bart Morrow
- Wednesday
Apr. 22 **Neuroplasticity and Healing**
Edward Taub, PhD, Professor/Director C.I. Therapy, UAB
Moderator: Joanna Liverant
- Thursday
Apr. 23 **Miracles of Pediatric Palliative Care**
Samuel J. Perna, DO, Assistant Professor, UAB, Adjunct Professor, Children's Hospital
Moderator: Polly Kratt
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- Tuesday
Apr. 28 **From High C's to Low C's: A Survey of Operatic Voices**
Keith A. Wolfe, General Director, Opera Birmingham
Moderator: Dorinda Smith
- Wednesday
Apr. 29 **Development of Unity and the New Thought Movement**
Rev. Charles Perry, Sr. Minister at Unity of Birmingham
Moderator: Polly Kratt
- Thursday
Apr. 30 **Biblical History**
Rabbi Randall J. Konigsburg, Temple Beth-El
Moderator: Dorothy Ziff
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- Tuesday
May 5 **Citizen Coke**
Bartow J. Elmore, PhD, author and Assistant Professor of Environmental History, UA
Moderator: Steve Rostand
- Wednesday
May 6 **Coming of Age in Birmingham During the Civil Rights Era**
Chervis Isom, Attorney, Baker Donaldson
Moderator: Marsha Asman
- Thursday
May 7 (1) **Autism in Children** and (2) **Autism in Adults**
(1) Bama Hager, PhD, Policy and Program Advisor, Autism Society of Alabama
(2) Brooke Bowles, Executive Director, Triumph Services
Moderator: Sandra Vinik

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Sandra Vinik
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Gayle Flowers
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Frank Harper
Connie Bishop
Pat Weil

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New Horizons at UAB**

Name: _____
Additional Name (For Couple Registration): _____
Address: _____
Telephone Number _____ E-mail _____

Registration will be available in the classroom at the beginning of each term.
Payments should be made in class at that time and should not be sent to UAB.

For further information, call or e-mail Lee Godchaux, President,
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