President’s Message
by Rowena Teague

Happy New Year to all!

We had a wonderful fall term with interesting and challenging speakers and a host of opportunities to experience civic and social events in our community with other members of New Horizons. Sandra Vinik and the Travel and Activities Committee arranged a lecture for New Horizons at the Abroms Engel Institute for the Visual Arts, reduced rate tickets to see “It Ain’t Nothin But the Blues” and “Calendar Girls” at the Virginia Samford Theatre, and a joint trip with the Birmingham Museum of Art to Huntsville to see The Tsars’ Cabinet. The fall luncheon at Pine Tree Country Club was a delight as always. Kudos to Mary Pate and her volunteers.

UAB ultimately wants to use the Marshall Center for a field house for various athletics and at some as yet undetermined point in the future will be renovating the building for that purpose. Meanwhile, UAB’s Department of Planning, Design and Construction has been investigating other sites for us to hold our meetings. The change in venue could take place as early as the upcoming spring term or next fall. Although it has not been finally determined, one of the new meeting places being considered is the Barnes and Noble building located at 1218 6th Ave South, approximately two blocks north of the Marshall Center. This would be a desirable location because it has been newly renovated, has plenty of space, has parking on the same site as the building and is near our existing location. We don't have any firm proposals from UAB as yet, so listen for announcements and read your email to keep updated on the status.

Remember - Curiosity Never Retires.

After Hours with New Horizons
by Sandra Vinik

Although Chaucer believed that “April is the cruelest month,” for New Horizons’ members the summer months have been the cruelest. Except for Friday Forum, which meets year round, New Horizons’ members missed the academic stimulus and pleasure of meeting each other at class. Also, because cultural and academic events are scaled back during the summer and with our current limited newspaper information, we often missed interesting opportunities in the past.

However, this past summer our Travel and Activities Committee decided to remedy the situation by sharing information by email, arranging to meet for several events, and providing car pooling for the members who have difficulty driving at night. The program was very successful and will be continued during the year with events and activities that New Horizons members can attend together during the breaks between semesters as well as during our regular terms.

One of the most exciting events during the summer was the sight of the surface of Pluto. After the photographs of Pluto were processed and transmitted to earth, the Christenberry Planetarium at Samford University arranged a special show for us at the planetarium. Interested members met for dinner and were then treated to a spectacular show with an expert astronomical explanation by David Weigel, the director of the planetarium.

We also attended classical movies offered by the Homewood Library. Even though we had met for dinner, we enjoyed the popcorn and other refreshments provided by the library.
During the fall term, some of us met for dinner at The Pita Stop before the first symphony concert of the season conducted by ASO’s new Musical Director, Carlos Izcaray. On September 30, twenty-seven went to the Virginia Samford Theatre to attend “It Ain’t Nothin’ But the Blues.” The theater graciously discounted the tickers for us, carpools were arranged, and we had a wonderful time at a stellar performance. In November we attended “Calendar Girls.”

Another event arranged by our Activities Committee was a walk by Lisa Becker, the Director of the Abroms-Engel Visual Arts Institute. She discussed the current exhibit by David Maisel. The gallery is an outstanding resource, and the staff provides seating, which makes it easier for us to view the exhibits.

We were also invited to join the group from the Birmingham Museum of Art to see the exhibit, The Tsars’ Cabinet, at the Huntsville Museum of Art. Several people accepted this invitation to view two hundred years of Russian decorative arts under the Romanovs.

In sum our programs are expanding and those who have attended have enjoyed these opportunities to share wonderful experiences in our community with our New Horizons friends. Please join us!

FRIDAY FORUM
by Ron Vinik

All members of New Horizons are invited to participate in Friday Forum, which is a congenial group that meets at the Marshall Center every Friday throughout the year including the summer months. The meetings are very enjoyable, and so when the Marshall Center was unavailable this summer because of construction, the group met at a private home. The meetings are very informal and cover a wide range of issues. Any participant who is interested in a particular topic introduces it for discussion. Since politics is avoided, the discussion is not argumentative but informative. The issues that are discussed are usually current and often cutting edge.

The following are three examples of topics that were discussed recently:

Today California, despite a four year drought, is effectively exporting water in the form of milk, beef walnuts, and produce.

Agriculture consumes 80% of California's water. For example, it takes 24 gallons of water to produce one bunch of grapes, 14 gallons to produce one mandarin orange, 12 gallons to produce a head of lettuce, 53 gallons to produce one egg, and 880 gallons of water to produce one gallon of milk. (From data provided by The Pacific Institute at National Geographic's website.) Does this make sense?

How Will Your Life Change When Driverless Cars Become the Norm?

You won’t need a ride to the doctor or to the mall. There will be no need for parking lots in the center city, and no parking tickets. Insurance costs may be lower because more than 50% of accidents are caused by driver error.

Why are medical prescription costs rising?

As you see, these are interesting topics. Please join us for great company and future improvements for a tasty cuisine.

FALL PHOTOS

Speaker, Jim Lacefield, and his wife, who holds the second edition of his book, Lost Worlds in Alabama Rocks

Bobbi Piper introduced the group to James Lowery, who spoke about the meteor crater in Wetumpka, AL.

Jack Ferguson arranged for Cheryl Dawley, Director of Archaeology at Red Mt. Park, to speak about archaeology at the park.
Jack Ferguson and Mary Pate
Gina Boyd and Dorothy Ziff
Dorinda Smith

Pat Weil
Lyn Stafford
Frank Harper
Rona Harper

Marsha Asman
Third Annual Halloween Windup Relay Race featuring (l. to r.) Jane Williams, Rosemary Tenney, Pat Weil, Manny Goldstein, Judy Black, Allan Wilensky, and Lee Godchaux
Rowena Teague

Fall luncheon at Pine Tree Country Club; members in this photo too numerous to list!
Charles Altman and David Betten
Bob Greene, Maureen Gleysteen, and John Gleysteen
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 TERMS FOR 2015-2016

Winter:  Tues., Jan. 5 - Thurs., Feb. 25
Spring:  Tues., Mar. 15 - Thurs., May 5

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.

REGISTRATION

New Horizons at UAB

Name:__________________________________________________________
Additional Name (For Couple Registration): __________________________
Address:_______________________________________________________
Telephone Number ___________________ E-mail __________________________

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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 Rowena Teague, President, rowenateague@hotmail.com or 970-0408.
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<td>David Benck, Vice President and General Counsel, Hibbett Sporting Goods, Inc.</td>
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<td>Steven Donaldson, PhD, Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science, Samford University</td>
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<td>Thursday</td>
<td>The Andy Griffith Show: Pilgrimage to Mayberry</td>
<td>Tony Lombardo, Teacher, Senior English, Vestavia Hills High School</td>
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<td>Jerry Armor, PhD, Executive Director, Lawrence County Children’s Policy Council</td>
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<td>Corey Tyree, PhD, Director of Energy and Environment for Alabama operations, Southern Research Institute</td>
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<td>Steve Rostand, New Horizons member</td>
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<td>Roots Music 101 - A Look at Delta Blues</td>
<td>Bruce Andrews and George Dudley, vocalists and musicians, 2Blu and The Lucky Stiffs; Bruce Andrews also Executive Director, Shelby County Arts Council</td>
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<td>Scott Adams, JD, Partner, Bradley Arant Boul Cummings LLP</td>
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<td>Ralph F. Voss, PhD, retired Professor of English, University of Alabama</td>
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<td>On Mt. Everest During the Nepal Earthquake</td>
<td>Kent Stewart, CEO of Reli Title and mountain climber</td>
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<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>The UAB Miracle and Its Obstructionists</td>
<td>John A. Knox, PhD, Associate Professor of Geography and Undergraduate Coordinator, Department of Geography and Atmospheric Sciences Program, University of Georgia</td>
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<td>Public Education</td>
<td>Marshall Pollard, M.Ed, Director of Community Partnerships; Founder, Birmingham Education Foundation</td>
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# WINTER TERM 2016

New Horizons at UAB

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

Coffee, etc. from 9:00 A.M.

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<td><strong>Tour of the Birmingham Public Library</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Southern Exposure: Short Films Raising Appreciation and Awareness of Alabama’s Incredible Natural Resources</strong></td>
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<td>Feb. 9</td>
<td><strong>She’s Gone Again: South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, and Zimbabwe</strong></td>
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<td>John A Smith, MD, PhD, MMM, DSc Professor of Pathology, UAB</td>
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<td><strong>Methuselah’s 200: What the Natural World Can Teach Us About Natural Aging</strong></td>
<td>Steven Austad, PhD., Distinguished Professor, Department Chair, Department of Biology, UAB</td>
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<td><strong>Haitian Art</strong></td>
<td>Emily Hanna, PhD, Senior Curator of the Arts of Africa and the Americas, Birmingham Museum of Art</td>
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<td>John Gleysteen, MD, retired surgeon</td>
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<td><strong>Part One: Birmingham’s Terminal Station - Great Temple of Travel</strong></td>
<td>Marvin Clemons, author of Great Temple of Travel</td>
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<td><strong>The Minister’s Black Veil and Nathaniel Hawthorne’s Relevance</strong></td>
<td>Rosemary Fisk, PhD, Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences, Samford University and immediate past President of the Hawthorne Society of America</td>
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<td><strong>Politics: Five Days Before the Alabama Primary</strong></td>
<td>Natalie Davis, PhD, Professor, Dept. of Political Science, Economics &amp; Sociology, Birmingham-Southern College</td>
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# NEW HORIZON OFFICERS, BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEES, 2015-2016

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- **Vice President:** John Gleysteen
- **Secretary:** Carol Schulz
- **Treasurer:** Jack Ferguson

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- Kathy Rostand

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- John Gleysteen
- Terry Adams
- Rod Davis

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### Term Ending 2016
- **Steve Rostand**
- **Karen Blatter**
- **Andy Daniel**
- **Rod Davis**

### Term Ending 2017
- **Terry Adams**
- **Rona Harper**
- **Lolly Barnes**
- **Lyn Stafford**

### Term Ending 2018
- **Gayle Flowers**
- **Ann Smith**
- **Steven Hodges**
- **Myron Butler**

## COMMITTEES

### Hospitality (continued)
- **Substitutes**
  - Sahra Coxe Lee
  - Ann Smith

### Archivist
- Phil Teague

### Audio Visual
- Bart Morrow, Chairman
- Jack Ferguson
- Phil Teague
- Lee Godchaux

### Curriculum
- Joanna Liverant, Chairman
- Karen Blatter, Assistant

### Email Notifications
- Jack Ferguson

### Evaluation
- Polly Kratt
- Ellen McLaughlin

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- John Gleysteen
- Jack Ferguson
- Rowena Teague

### Friday Forum
- Ron Vinik

### Good & Welfare
- Frances Johnson

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- Andy Daniel
- Rod Davis
- Jack Ferguson
- Gayle Flowers
- John Gleysteen
- Lee Godchaux
- Bob Greene
- Steve Hodges
- Bobbie Piper
- Kathy Rostand
- Steve Rostand
- Carol Schulz
- Rowena Teague
- Sandra Vinik
- Janice Williams

### Hospitality (cont.)
- **Substitutes**
  - Sahra Coxe Lee
  - Ann Smith

### Liaison
- Andy Daniel

### Marketing
- Rowena Teague, Chairman
- John Gleysteen
- Gayle Flowers
- Lyn Stafford

### Member Directory
- Karen Blatter

### Name Tags
- Kathy Rostand

### Newsletter
- Karen Blatter

### Purchasing
- Sue Thomas
- Dotty Gauthier

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- Mary Pate
- Jane Crouch
- Terry Adams

### Social Media
- Rona Harper

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- Sandra Vinik, Chairman
- Don Long
- Marianna Long
- George Jackson
- Beverly Jackson
- Jack Ferguson
- Bobbi Piper
- Maureen Glysteen
- Kay Wallace
- Ena Fay Bennett
- Pat Wehmer

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- Lee Godchaux