

Macon County Chamber of Commerce

NEWSLETTER

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Membership Renewals as of Jan. 10, 2008

Factory Connection LLC	Hillsdale Estates
Linda Worsham	B. D. Polston & Son
The Palace Care & Rehab.	Walgreens
Grecian Steak House	Town & Country Finance
McLerran & Strong	City Mayor Bill Wells
Cyclemos Motorcycle Museum	Tennplasco
Coley Real Estate & Auction	Whittemore's Bookkeeping
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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our next meeting will be February 26th at **GRECIAN STEAKHOUSE** at 11:30 a.m. Tamara Legge will be our guest speaker. She is with Sumner Regional Health Systems. She will give a presentation about breast cancer, breast cancer facts, etc.

We had a really good turnout for the last membership meeting. Jim Hodges who purchased the White Hotel was one of the guest speakers. He is planning on doing extensive renovation on the old hotel building. The renovation could make space to various possibilities such as lofts, office space, doctors' offices, etc. When the project is finished it will be a major asset for our community.

Linda McCrary, spoke about the "Three Star Program" and how it benefits our community.

A representative from Smuckers will be our March 25th Membership Meeting Speaker.

If you have someone in mind that you would like to speak at the membership meetings, give Lona a call at 666-5885.

Welcome New Members!

Mr. Bobby L. Ward, DBA
Ward Construction/Ward Homes
7064 Tooley Branch Road
Westmoreland, TN 37186

JOB FAIR

The Career Center will have a Job Fair from 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. on February 27th. If you know of someone looking for a job let them know.

To Nap or Not To Nap?

Salvador Dali loved to nap. But only for a minute.

Eleanor Roosevelt often took one-minute naps in public, even during White House dinners.

Other famous nappers include Napoleon, John F. Kennedy, Thomas Edison, and Barbara Walters.

It's hard to say whether napping helps you sleep better. Try it. If it helps, keep napping. If it doesn't, go fishing, or save the whales.

And if anyone asks you how you get anything done if you're always catching a few Z-Z-Z-Z-Zs, just tell 'em you're sleeping on it.

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Warm Hearts and Happy Faces at the Senior Citizens Center

Senior Citizens Center members managed to pack the month of January full of activities and events, in spite of two holidays and one icy weather day.

Seniors came in out of the cold to enjoy heaping plates of beans, “taters”, cornbread, and slaw prepared by Senior Center Board members, at the January “First Thursday Lunch”.

Members enjoyed BINGO every Monday after a hot lunch provided by the Nutrition program, with more rounds of BINGO at 9 a.m. on second, fourth, and fifth Thursdays. Many thanks to Wal-Mart and Macon Bank and Trust for their January BINGO prize donations and Citizens Bank for the birthday balloons.

Businesses, organizations, and individuals willing to contribute money, items, or support of any kind can contact the Senior Citizens Center Monday through Friday. Your help will be appreciated and we will make sure the community knows about your support of the center.

Wanda Sloan, Calvin York, Bud Deering, Rayburn Cothron, and Brandall Brawner had toes tapping and hands clapping as they played Bluegrass and old timey favorites before the January third Thursday birthday dinner and BINGO games. Watch for more live music events featuring local musicians to be scheduled.

A bus load of hopeful winners boarded the Gray Line bus at 7 a.m. for a day of gambling at Harrah’s January 24. Members decided not to schedule a gambling trip during February because of uncertain weather conditions, but another trip will be scheduled when a spring thaw draws nearer.

The Senior Citizens Center February calendar is filling up fast with music, food, and fun and the month promises a little something for everybody. The “First Thursday Lunch” on February 7 will be a pizza party. Valentines Day BINGO at 9:00 a.m. on February 14 will include homemade soup provided by Willene Bandy. (Sign-up is required for all meals at the center.) Free blood pressure testing is available every BINGO day—but beware! Playing Senior Citizens Center BINGO has been known to cause blood pressures to rise!

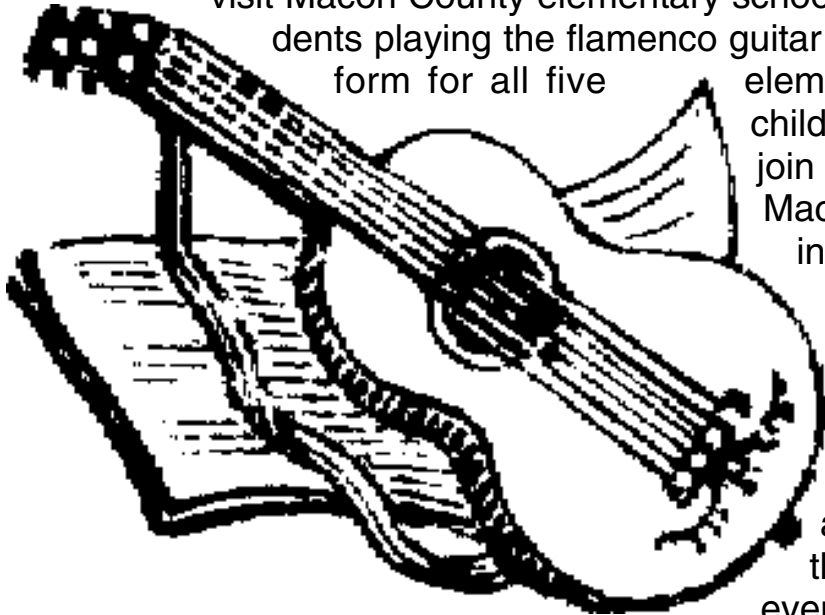
Karen Owens, LPN, from HealthSpring made a presentation in January about “Fall Prevention” and will return February 19 with a presentation on “Heart Health”. A Hospice presentation is scheduled for February 28.

If your organization has a topic you think might be of interest to senior citizens, please contact Linda Worsham at 666-3780 to be put on the schedule for a presentation.

Lively games of pool or Rook, and a pot of fresh coffee can be found every day at the Senior Citizens Center. The quilt sits waiting in the corner and coming along nicely, with two more quilt tops waiting in the wings.

Arts Council News

On Thursday, March 6th, Lucian Kipp Minton, a classical guitar student from MTSU, will visit Macon County elementary schools. Along with two other music students playing the flamenco guitar and viola respectively, he will perform for all five



elementary schools—approximately 2000 children. Homeschoolers will be invited to join the audience at Central Elementary. Macon County Arts Council is sponsoring the performances. The children should enjoy these very talented young musicians.

Macon County Arts Council is currently having its annual membership drive. MCAC has planned a busy agenda for 2008: Three Concerts in the Park; repeats of successful events from last year; plus musical per-

formances for our schools. Continuing support from the community is needed to reach its goal of promoting the arts in our county.

MCAC would like you to consider renewing your membership or, if you have not previously joined, consider becoming a member or a sponsor. Your contribution is most appreciated. Membership is open to everyone. Yearly membership dues are as follows: Senior or Student Membership \$10; Individual Membership \$15; Couples Membership \$25; or Family Membership \$30. Sponsorships are also available.

For more information call 666-4349 or 644-5179, or complete the form below and return it to Gay Chamberlain, 105 Court Square, Lafayette, Tennessee 37083.

MCAC Membership Form

I wish to become a member/sponsor of the Macon County Arts Council.

Type of Membership/Sponsorship (i.e. individual, couple, etc.) _____

Membership Dues _____

Member Information

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

UP COMING EVENTS

Valentine Dinner—February 9th—Red Barn Winery. Contact: Judy Clements, 688-6012 or visit the www.redbarnwinery.com website.

“REVIVAL”—February 15-16 & 22-23—The Thomas House in Red Boiling Springs—
Contact: The Thomas House at 699-3006

2nd Annual Barnyard Cuties Beauty Pageant—March 8th at 11:00 a.m. — Location: TBA. Contact: Jacqueline Law, 615-888-6481, or Teresa Meador at 615-666-6525. Proceeds to benefit Relay for Life.

Lioness Variety Show—March 15th at 6:30 p.m. — Macon County Junior High School—
Contact: Gwen Linville, 666-2000

“The Plane Truth”—March 14-15 & 21-22 — The Thomas House in Red Boiling Springs,
Contact: The Thomas House at 666-3006

Mark your calendars now for the **HIGHWAY 52 YARD SALE**. —May 16th and 17th. This year Orlanda contacted us and ask to be added to the list of yard sales. This will be about 95 miles of yard sales. This is a big tourism draw. If you would like to set up, contact land owners along 52 to see if they will let you set up. PLEASE HELP ME TO GET THE WORD OUT. TOURISM BRINGS A LOT OF MONEY TO MACON COUNTY.

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