



# Gone With The Winnies Newsletter

OCTOBER 16, 2009

VOLUME 1, NUMBER 6

President:

Hal Pierce  
1122 Gumlog Road  
Lavonia, GA 30553  
706-356-4533  
[hwp@alltel.net](mailto:hwp@alltel.net)

First Vice President:

Hubert Blankenship  
321 Black Forest Run  
Douglasville, GA 30134  
770-489-1385  
[hublank@bellsouth.net](mailto:hublank@bellsouth.net)

Second Vice

President:

Bobby Eubanks  
20959 Hwy, 441 South  
Commerce, GA 30529  
706-335-6305

Treasurer:

Betty McHaney  
301 Rue Chalet  
Lavonia, GA 30553  
706-356-2296  
[bettymac1@windstream.net](mailto:bettymac1@windstream.net)

Secretary:

Barbara DeMatteis  
P. O. Box 370  
Winston, GA 30187  
770-949-7570  
[barbaradem@bellsouth.net](mailto:barbaradem@bellsouth.net)



---

## September Meeting – Pine Mountain, GA

Mary Ann and I were not able to make the September meeting in Pine Mountain. It was a State Meeting hosted by the Metro Chapter. From what I hear, Fred and his crew did a wonderful job. I have looked through the pictures on the web site and it appears everyone that was there had a good time. The side trips were exceptional and appeared to also be very informative.

## October in Adairsville, Georgia Meeting

We had a beautiful drive to Adairsville on Thursday. When we arrived, we were told that the Sloans had to leave due to a family emergency. We hope that all is well and there was nothing serious. Jesse and Theda along with James and Christel Cason did a wonderful job of making everyone feel welcome.

Thursday night several folks got together and went out to eat. Others stayed home and had a small meal in their motor homes. Mary Ann had fixed some soup and brought it along so we stayed in and enjoyed a quiet evening relaxing (the new puppy can sure tire a person out if they are not used to something having that much energy – smile).

Friday night we all went to the Fruit Jar Café for a super country cooking meal. If anyone left the restaurant still hungry, it was their own fault. With all the cornbread and beans you could eat on the side, there was little room left for the main courses. Some came back to the meeting room for cards and chat.

Saturday started with a full compliment of breakfast foods. The business meeting was held after breakfast and then it was on your own for the rest of the day. Dinner was ready at 6 O'clock. I am not a bratwurst person, but the ones that Jesse and James grilled out were about as good as they come. Top that with German Potato Salad, sauerkraut, dark bread, and Black Forest Cake and you will have a meal to rival any 3 star restaurant. It was a job well done. Some folks stayed and played cards or visited while others like me were full and needed a nap (smile).

Editors' Corner

Food For Thought:

Well, we are coming to the end of another year. It has been an interesting one and has brought many things that have been a joy as well as some that we would just as soon not have seen.

Some things we can change and others we can not have an effect on. We can help each other and care for each other which makes a wonderful change in everyone's lives that we touch. We can not help if we are not asked though.

Although we can not directly change what is happening to our country, we can let our voices be heard and stand up for what we believe in. Yes, some will say we are inciting riots or are violent folks or as at least one Hollywood personality said – 'they are just stupid'. I don't think we are or we would not what is happening to us as we watch our elected officials make a mockery of our way of life. America deserves better than the deceit and self serving that has come out of our politicians in recent months at both the Federal and the Local levels. People must take responsibility for themselves and not wait for someone else to take care of them.

Rick Spilman

Sunday morning had more breakfast foods and a short devotion. Everyone then told each other how much they enjoyed the rain and friendship of the weekend and made their way to the park exit till next meeting. If you missed it, you missed a good get-to-gether.

*Have you had your Motor Home serviced recently?*

If you are like some, we have not used our Motor Homes as much this year as in the past due to the economy. If we don't use them, then sometimes we forget to have them serviced. I try to have ours serviced at least once per year no matter how much traveling we get to do. It is recommended for diesel pushers that you change the oil and filters at least once per year. With the gas models, you usually need to change them after 3 – 6 thousand miles of travel or at least every 6 months (I think).

Now that it is getting colder (seems earlier this year), it is important to check your antifreeze and other fluids to make sure they are in good shape. Include your batteries in that check. Should you happen to get into some freezing weather, batteries with proper fluid levels and fully charged will resist freezing much better. So make sure everything is charged up as well.

Of course, it would be best to make sure your Motor Home is fully serviced and head South for the next few months and use what you have. Enjoy the Fall and we will see you in December in Gadsden.

=====

Keep all our members in your prayers as we go forward in the year. Please think about Betty Sprayberry who is a bit under the weather right now. Betty McHaney has had her second knee surgery and is recovering well. She was at the October meeting and we were sure glad to see her up and about. Hopefully this will be the last of these new entries. Every member of our club is needed and missed when they are not present.

*Mark These Events On Your Calendar*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hosts should provide information to the editor at least two months in advance. Campouts that are 'TBA' in the WIT Club News are not covered by insurance. It is very important that chapter members notify the hosts after making their reservations so the hosts can plan meals accordingly

Nov. 13-15, 2009  
Key West, Florida

Dec. 11-13, 2009  
Gone With the Winnies Christmas Outing, River Country RV Park, Gadsden, AL,  
256-543-7111.

NOVEMBER  
BIRTHDAYS

**Dan Rankin**

November 1

**Grant Baldwin**

November 2

**Jim Bell**

November 5

**Ernest Moosa**

November 8

**Rene Boatfield**

November 10

**Bill Strong**

November 12

**Inger Mjelde**

November 13

**Bill Whitmire**

November 14

**Mary Ann Findeis**

November 18

**Ken Hesser**

November 18

**Hubert Blankenship**

November 24

**Melva Dalton**

November 25

**George DeMatteis**

November 29

NOVEMBER  
ANNIVERSARIES

**Grant & Kathy  
Baldwin**

November 10, 1957

**Dick & Babs Walz**

November 22, 1958

DECEMBER  
BIRTHDAYS

**Rick Spilman**

December 1

**Cathy Hargus**

December 5

**Linda Tomsett**

December 9

**Bonnie Rounds**

December 12

**Ken Fredrick**

December 13

**Ollie Payne**

December 14

---

---

## Something Relevant To Your Day---

---

---

This is something we should all read at least once a week and try our best to live by!

Written By: Regina Brett , 90 years old, of The Plain Dealer, Cleveland , Ohio

"To celebrate growing older, I once wrote the 45 lessons life taught me. It is the most-requested column I've ever written." My odometer rolled over to 90 in August, so here is the column once more:

1. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
2. When in doubt, just take the next small step.
3. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
4. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends and parents will. Stay in touch.
5. Pay off your credit cards every month.
6. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
7. Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.
8. It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it.
9. Save for retirement starting with your first paycheck.
10. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
11. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.
12. It's OK to let your children see you cry.
13. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
14. If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it.
15. Everything can change in the blink of an eye. But don't worry; God never blinks.
16. Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.
17. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
18. Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger.
19. It's never too late to have a happy childhood. But the second one is up to you and no one else.
20. When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer.
21. Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, and wear the fancy lingerie. Don't save it for a special occasion. Today is special.
22. Over prepare, and then go with the flow.
23. Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age to wear purple.
24. The most important sex organ is the brain.
25. No one is in charge of your happiness but you.

**Gwin Brewton**

December 17

**Bert Treadaway**

December 18

**Bobby Breffle**

December 19

**Carolyn Shari**

December 23

**Debbie Whitmire**

December 25

**Bobby Eubanks**

December 28

DECEMBER  
ANNIVERSARIES

**Annette & Bill**

**Whitmire**

December 17, 1954

**Dennis & Nancy**

**Sloan**

December 20, 1958

**Al & Gladys Cain**

December 21, 1964

**WC & Ester Stanly**

December 21, 1947

**Gwin & Charlene**

**Brewton**

December 22, 1956

**Jim & Carolyn**

**Shari**

December 29, 1967

=====

I have a customer who owns a 2001 Ultimate Freedom 40' with 39,000 miles on it. It has been housed in his hangar at the airport the whole time he has owned it. He is asking \$100K for the unit. Let me know if you might be interested. - Rick

26. Frame every so-called disaster with these words 'In five years, will this matter?'

27. Always choose life.

28. Forgive everyone everything.

29. What other people think of you is none of your business.

30. Time heals almost everything. Give time time.

31. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.

32. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.

33. Believe in miracles.

34. God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn't do.

35. Don't audit life. Show up and make the most of it now.

36. Growing old beats the alternative -- dying young.

37. Your children get only one childhood.

38. All that truly matters in the end is that you loved.

39. Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere.

40. If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back.

41. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.

42. The best is yet to come.

43. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.

44. Yield.

45. Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift."

---