## ENCORE

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BHSRO 25th Anniversary

Retirees organize to remain part of BHS family

#### Fall 2016

#### **Taptist**health system

Answering the call

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Happy Thanksgiving

Twenty five years have passed since the very first meeting at The Club in 1991. The following is a

look back to the beginning.

The Baptist Health System Retiree Organization had its humble beginning in 1991 when Barbara Hunsley had a vision of an organization that would allow BHS retirees to continue their relationships and fellowship with other former employees. She shared her vision with her senior manager, Tom Sanders. After much discussion about the organization's structure and objectives, it was agreed that BHS would support such a group and appointed Bill Page as the President and Frank Hinkley as Parliamentarian. Hinkley was assigned to lead the development of the organization's by-laws. Barbara Hunsley was appointed as the group's BHS liaison. Letters were sent to all BHS retirees to solicit interest and with many responding. Starting with an initial small group, work continued to define and build the membership. The first meeting was scheduled for November at The Club in that same year.

This meeting was a very special one in that it was the beginning of what we have today! The organization's objectives have not changed much over the past 24 years. Thanks to the determination and hard work of many people over the years, BHSRO is on the upswing and getting stronger each year!

The following is an article that was written by Mike Easterling in 2002 reminiscing about that first meeting:

Smiles, hugs and sparks of recognition were exchanged at the first meeting of the BHS Retiree's Organization at The Club in the fall of 1991.

Nearly a hundred of what President Emmett Johnson called "our most import assets" turned out for the event organized by Meeting and Travel Services Manager Barbara Hunsley.

"Those of us remaining in the harness are striving to keep up the good work and sustain the heritage which those of you who have gone before us established." Johnson told the retirees in a personal letter read by BHSRO chairman, Bill Page. "You retirees are the foundation upon which those of us presently working at the BHS facilities have received our inspiration, instruction, motivation and commitment to our purpose," Johnson wrote. "We thank God for you."

Bill Page, who retired from BHS in 1985 as vice president of corporate services, says he and others who served on the steering committee "have wanted something like this for a long time."

"We thought the best way to decide how we wanted the organization to be structured would be to talk to retirees and get their ideas and comments," Page says. Surveys were sent out to BHS's 600 retirees with 200 replying. "There was a substantial interest in the organization with 60 percent of those willing to accept leadership positions," he says. "They told us they wanted to stay a part of the BHS family."

Those attending the luncheon heard and approved the organization's objectives and voted on the resolution of incorporation unanimously. A committee was established to develop a draft of the constitution and bylaws at the next scheduled meeting to which all retirees will be invited.

Ida Parrot, who retired from Princeton nursing service after 35 years, says, "I think an organization is a good way for us to keep up with what's going on at BHS.

Blanch Borders, a 41-year veteran of Montclair medical records, agrees. "I was walking across the plaza to a meeting when it hit me," says Borders. "I was getting ready to retire and it struck me that I hated being cut off from BHS. That's when I knew I wanted an organization for retirees. I'm very enthusiastic about this new organization. It's needed and greatly appreciated."

#### **BHSRO** Summer Meeting

























## Baptist Health System Retiree Organization Established 1991

#### **BHSRO Spring Meeting**













Baptist Health System Retiree Organization
Established 1991

## Dr. Lowell Vann Guest Speaker BHSRO Fall Meeting

Dr. Lowell Vann is a graduate of Samford University. He has a Master's of Fine Arts from the University of Alabama and a PhD. in Art Education from Florida State University.

Dr. Lowell Vann

He has taught in public schools and at the university level since 1957. He retired from Samford in 2014.

Dr. Vann has been an ordained minister since 1956 with over 43 years of experience serving on the staff of several churches. He has created over 1,700 child-drawing presentations since 1955.

Join us as we watch him create a special child drawing for our retirement group our November 16 meeting.

#### **BHSRO Financial Report**

Period Ending September 30, 201	16
Cash Balance - June 30, 2016	\$ 2,844.20
Receipts:	
Luncheon / Membership	\$ 1,078.00
Misc Deposits	\$ 255.00
Total Receipts	\$ 1,333.00
Disbursements:	
Luncheon	\$ 748.00
Door Prize	\$ 25.00
Entertainment	\$ 100.00
Table Decorations	\$ 94.83
Mailing supplies	\$ 27.52
Total Disbursements	\$ 995.35
Cash Balance September 30, 2016	\$ 3,181.85

#### Future Meetings

Luncheons
November 16, 2016 at THE CLUB
February 15, 2017- Princeton
Board Meeting
January 4, 2017



Remedy Center is a non-profit affiliate of the Birmingham Baptist Association that gives away durable medical equipment to those in need.

The ReMEDy Center is a non-profit ministry of the Birmingham Baptist Association in cooperation with the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services' STAR program. The Center opened its doors in Birmingham in 2009 at the former site of Central Park Baptist Church in Ensley.

The ReMEDy Center seeks to involve churches in an ongoing effort by the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services (ADRS) to provide pre-owned medical equipment to people in need. ADRS's STAR (Statewide Technology Access and Response) program accepts donations of medical equipment and places the items on a monthly inventory list available online. The equipment is then loaned to family members, caseworkers, school employees and others around the state who work with individuals with both long- and short-term disabilities or illnesses.

Churches and their members can help the ReMEDy Center find and collect equipment, help find people who need to be loaned this equipment and can help pick up or deliver within their communities. Services such as these allow churches to be good neighbors. In addition, if a church has unused space, it has the option to serve as a collection or distribution site as well.

The ReMEDy Center's long-term goal is to form partnerships with at least one church in every Alabama association in order to collect and loan equipment both to individuals in its community and around the state. In addition to church partners, the program also needs volunteers to locate equipment and people in need of equipment. A volunteer organization is essential to achieving and maintaining the ReMEDy Center's goal of providing durable medical equipment at no cost to those who need it.

The Remedy Center is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. Please call or email before coming, because staff members are often out picking up donated items.

2610 3rd Ave. South B'ham AL 35233

(205) 783-9710 remedybba@gmail.com



The Club opened its doors in 1951, perched on top of Red Mountain with its charm and sweeping panoramic views of the city, the building flows in and out of its naturally wooded setting. The Club is among the most unique private clubs in the region and country! We offer our thanks to Dr. Finchum for this opportunity to experience The Club's exclusive hospitality!

#### **Directions to The Club**

From Vulcan at 18th Street South: Turn onto Valley Avenue heading west towards Green Springs Highway. Turn right into Robert Smith Drive and follow drive up the hill to the Club.

From Greens Springs Highway: Turn onto Valley Avenue heading east towards Vulcan. Turn left onto Robert Smith Drive and follow drive up the hill to The Club.



#### **Complementary Parking Directions**

Follow Robert Smith Drive to top of the hill and watch for sign directing to the State Rooms. Turn left at the sign and follow the drive to the lower parking desk. From the parking deck, take the sidewalk up the to lower entrance to the State Rooms. Drop-off access is also available at the lower entrance drive-around.

#### Message from the BHSRO Board

Please be reminded that an advanced prepaid reservation should be received before or by November 9 2016

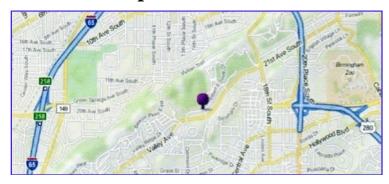
Prepaid reservations allow us to provide for adequate seating and meal servings.

(See reservation form on page 8)

Our next quarterly Luncheon meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16, 2016, The Club

<u>Get your Required Reservation in</u>
by November 9, 2016

#### Map to The Club



#### BHSRO Plans 2017 Pictorial Directory

The last BHSRO Pictorial Directory was published in 2013.

The Board of Directors has given approval to publish a 3rd edition for 2017. Beginning with the Summer meeting, August 17, 2016, and continuing through the Fall meeting in November, active members current in their 2016 dues will have an opportunity to have their portrait taken to appear in the directory that is targeted for delivery at the 2017 Spring meeting. So plan to attend at least one of these meetings to have your portrait taken. If you are unable to attend, you may submit a copy of a personal photo. Contact Ron Koonce at (205)-222-4495.

The directory will be complimentary to members included in the directory. Included will be portraits and current demographics on file. If there have been changes in your information, please contact Kaye Sutley for any corrections.

kwsprlady@gmail.com

205-907-4545



#### **Brookwood Baptist Health News**

#### **Baptist Health Foundation Update**

Amy S. Allen
President & Chief Executive Officer
Baptist Health System, Inc.

In 2017, Baptist Health Foundation will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of providing philanthropic resources for the Baptist Health System. With the Brookwood Baptist Health joint venture, the Foundation is now positioned to focus its resources on providing patient care, education, and furthering faith based wellness in the communities served by Brookwood Baptist Health.

One of our newest initiatives is the creation of a Patient Assistance Fund. This fund provides resources to help with patients' take home medications, transportation, medical equipment and other needs as identified by social workers and case managers for those patients who lack the financial resources. We recognize that for these patients, there can be a significant gap between what they need and what they can afford.

In just two months, we have raised \$145,000 from employees and physicians and received matching funds and seed money that have put the total funds available at \$450,000. But more importantly, we have provided hospice care, cancer medications, wound care nursing, home health care, transportation, diabetes medications, psychiatry medications, insurance to cover rehabilitation, and cremation expenses for patients throughout our five facilities. Through these funds, the Foundation is continuing its long history of caring for those who need us most and furthering the healing ministry of Jesus Christ.

Foundation representatives will join us at our November meeting to provide more information and answer any questions.

#### Brookwood Baptist "Healthy Over Hungry" Drive

Brookwood Baptist Health collected 96,495 servings of cereal and more than \$14,000 to provide area children and adults struggling with hunger during the summer. Its "Healthy Over Hungry" Cereal Drive benefitted the Community Foodbank of Central Alabama, which is a member of Feeding America. The drive ran June 3-10, 2016.

"I am so proud of all of our colleagues for an outstanding effort to tackle childhood hunger through our 'Healthy Over Hungry' Cereal Drive," said Keith Parrott, chief executive officer of Brookwood Baptist Health. "Our mission is and always will be to restore good health to those we serve. Because good nutrition is essential to good health, we wanted to join the fight against hunger and shed light on a very real issue currently affecting one in six residents of our 12-county region."

BBH's generous donation helped provide 17,800 meals, releasing that extra burden on these families. "We are thrilled that so many will now be helped because of the system's leadership in addressing this community health issue," said Parrott.

**BBH Sources** 

#### RENEW Your 2017 Membership

The 2017 membership renewal process is underway. The 112 members listed below are current with their 2016 membership. Be among the first to send your 2017 membership renewal form and dues with your Fall luncheon meeting reservation. See page 7 for the membership form. Renewals are due January 1, 2017.

As an extra incentive to pay your dues, those who renew their membership or join BHSRO by the time lunch begins on November 16 will be entered in a drawing for a special prize! Members and associate members are eligible for this special drawing.

Only paid members are eligible for luncheon door prizes. Sign-in on your arrival to receive your door prize ticket.

#### 2016 Active Members

Wayne Freeman

Jo Adams Lizzie Allen Margaret Armitage Cel Bailey Tim Bailey **David Bamberg** Rosemary Bamberg Sarah Barbour Larry Barr Sandy Barr Anne Barranco Lorraine Beavers Pat Beck Phyllis Boone Peggy Branch Gloria Braune Jim Brown Judy Brown Donna Burton Stan Challiss Suzanne Challiss Delores Cheeks Jim Choate Pat Choate Polly Clarke Dot Claunch Inez Dailey Zevley Debrow Drew Dorris David Dorrough Jerry Dorrough Katherine Drain Sarah Elliott Grace Elmore Newell Finchum Gary Fisher Darrell Foley

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Hugh McMurry Susan Moore Nancy Murphree Ruby Newton Nell Ogletree LeAnn Palmer Polly Perry Sallie Peters Susan Peters Charles Pieplow Linda Pugh Anna Robinson David Russakoff Dianne Shelton Mary Stewart Jerry Strong Wanda Strong Kaye Sutley Joyce Thomas Larry Thomas Barbara Tierce Gladys Turpin Gwendolyn Turpin Josephine Wallace Jean Warr Marcia Warren Bettye Washington Pauline Washington Homer Wesley Jewelene Wesley

Sandra Whalen

Ann Williamson

Johnny Yarbrough

Doris Wilson

Martha Young

Williams

Minnie White

Arthur Mae





# Do You Know a retiree who is NOT a member of BHSRO? Invite them to join for 2017 and their first LUNCH IS FREE!

#### Enjoy benefits of membership:

- First time members receive their first lunch free
- Receive quarterly issues of the ENCORE Newsletter
- Fellowship with fellow retirees at quarterly luncheon meetings in February, May, August & November
- Door prizes, and a \$25 cash prize drawing at each meeting
- Receive informative updates by management on Brookwood Baptist hospitals news and activities

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Name:			
Street:		State:	Zip:
Birthday:	(Year Optional) Retirement Date:	Facility:	
Home Phone:	Mobile 1	Phone:	
Email:	Spouse .	Name:	
Will spouse become a	an Associate Member? [] No [] Yes	Spouse Birthda	ay:
	Ţ	Membership Dues	s \$ 15.00
	A	Associate Dues	\$ 10.00

Make checks payable to BHS Retiree Organization and mail with form to:

LaVera Townsend, Brookwood Baptist Health

Human Resources Department

P.O. Box 830605, Birmingham, AL 35283-0605



#### Fall Luncheon

#### Make your reservation for November 16, 2016

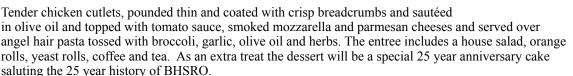
Fellowship begins at 11:00 AM with lunch served at 11:30 AM

When: November 16, 2016

Where: The Club

( See directions on Page 5)

Menu: Chicken Scaloppini Marsala



**Speaker:** Dr. Lowell Vann will present an art demonstration. (See page 4)

Advance reservations are required to allow us to provide for adequate seating and meal serving.

#### **Baptist Health System Retiree Organization**

2016 Fall Luncheon Reservation Form

The Club

#### Complete form and return along with your check by November 9, 2016

Make checks payable to BHS Retiree Organization and mail with form to: LaVera Townsend, Brookwood Baptist Health

> Human Resources Department P.O. Box 830605, Birmingham, AL 35283-0605

Name:	_
Members: Please make reservations(s) for: [] Myself [] My spouse @\$12 each	\$
Guest Reservations: [] I'm bringing guest @ \$12 each	\$
Guest Name(s): (Please add amounts above & write	te one check for total due)
Total	\$

#### **President's Message**



Happy Fall, everyone!

Hopefully, all of you are enjoying the slight "nip" in the air that says Fall is here and Winter is on its way. This time of year also signals the beginning of a very busy season for most of us! There are weekend football games to watch, Thanksgiving turkeys to buy and prepare, and Christmas shopping to begin.

In the midst of all this activity, be sure to save time on Wednesday, November 16 to join your fellow BHSRO friends for our 25th Anniversary & Holiday Luncheon. It's going to be a really special day! In addition to a unique and wonderful program (see "Dr. Lowell Vann" story on page 4 for details), there will be a special cake to complete our celebration of 25 years of BHSRO fellowship.

Also, please pay special attention to the information on page 6 about joining BHSRO or renewing your membership for 2017. As AN EXTRA INCENTIVE TO GET YOUR DUES IN SOON, ANYONE WHO RENEWS THEIR MEMBERSHIP OR JOINS BHSRO BY THE TIME LUNCH BEGINS ON NOVEMBER 16 WILL BE ENTERED IN A DRAWING FOR A SPECIAL PRIZE! Members and associate members are eligible for this special drawing.

Since the new joint venture and formation of Brookwood Baptist Health, many of you have asked how the Baptist Health Foundation functions in this new environment. At the November meeting, a representative of the Foundation will provide a brief update for us and answer any questions you may have. It's nice to know the BHS legacy as a healing ministry of Jesus Christ continues, and the Foundation is still helping those in need. (See story on page 6.)

I hope to see every one of you at the November meeting! It's a celebration you will not want to miss!

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Kaye Walker Sutley

#### Remembering Our Vietnam Veterans

The men and women who served in the U.S. military during the Vietnam War era did not always receive the recognition they deserved for their service and sacrifice. But now, some 50 years later, thanks to an act of Congress these veterans are finally being recognized and honored.

The Commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vietnam War has partnered with a number of organizations across the country to provide home-town, veteran-focused Commemorative Partner Programs to assist a grateful nation in thanking and honoring these veterans.

The Lily of the Cahaba Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is one of more than 10,000 commemorative partners of the Vietnam War Commemoration. In the past year, this Hoover-based DAR chapter has provided more than 200 Vietnam veterans with certificates of appreciation and lapel pins in honor of their service to our country.

If you or someone in your family served in the U.S. Armed Forces during the Vietnam War era — regardless of where you served — please provide the name and branch of service to Kaye Sutley at <a href="mailto:kwsprlady@gmail.com">kwsprlady@gmail.com</a> or sign the list that will be provided at our November meeting. We would like to honor those of you or others in your family who served during this time with a special certificate and lapel pin. Those who served in the U.S. military between November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975 are eligible to receive this honor.



#### Spiritual Reflection



#### The Autumn of Life

Autumns in the South hold precious memories—the fall revival at church, unpacking warmer clothing, hot cocoa, harvest moons, fires in the fireplace, a well-stocked pantry, and best of all, SEC FOOTBALL!! I loved it.

The autumn of life is a strange mixture of nostalgia, blessings, and potential. It yields the harvest of seeds we've sown throughout life and braces us for colder days to come

When life's autumn arrives, we look back and better understand the way God led us; but we still have work to do, the best and fullest. It's a good transition time. "Autumn" only occurs once in the Bible. In the book of Jude, false teachers are compared to "autumn trees without fruit," implying that autumn should be a fruitful season, the most abundant of the year. How can we take advantage of the "autumn of life"?

The seasons come and go, so focus on the God who remains unchanged and unchanging. "LORD, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God" (Psalm 90:1-2).

There's a lot of unwelcome change in our world. Moral and societal changes bother us most when we turn on our television or glance at the magazines. We're painfully aware our kids are growing up in a world far different from the one we knew as children.

And personal changes—children leaving home, the passing of dear friends, and the slow, steady decline in our vitality and health. Sometimes we feel outdated at work. But amid all the changes, one thing, one person, never changes; our eternal God. Remember this verse from "Abide with Me"?

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away; Change and decay in all around I see; O Thou who changest not, abide with me.
--Henry F. Lyte

J. I. Packer points out that God does not change. His life is always the same. His character is always dependable. His truth, ways, and purposes do not change. His Son does not change. He's the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8).

His children will enjoy His fellowship a million years from now. The world may fade, the stars may fall, the seasons may change, and winter may come. But the God who has been our help in ages past is our hope for years to come. In Him we have permanence, stability, joy unshakable, and life unending. Remember these truths as we enter the autumn season.

Remember, God Loves You and So Do I!!

David Coram, Jr. Chaplain American Legion, Matthew Blount Post 555

#### SPECIAL NOTICE TO BHSRO MEMBERS

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS ARE SCHEDULED FOR THE NOVEMBER 16, 2016 LUNCHEON MEETING Officer and Board Member Positions up for election are:

First Vice President Position and four Board Member Positions

Newly elected officers and board members will take office effective January 1, 2017

We are pleased to announce that we have received candidates for all positions that are up for election at the November 16th Luncheon Meeting at The Club!

#### Nominated are:

First Vice President - Don Landers Board Member Position -- Judy Brown Board Member Position -- Dr. Gary Fisher Board Member Position -- Shirley Hendrix Board Member Position -- Marcia Warren

According to our organizational guidelines, members eligible to vote must have their 2016 calendar year dues current. Associate members are not eligible to vote. Write-in candidates may be nominated from the floor prior to the election. If there are multiple candidates for some positions, ballots will be available for voting members at the November 16th luncheon meeting.

Please plan to participate in this important election as we strive to move our fine organization forward!

Do You Remember Answers
1. C 2.B 3.A 4.A 5.C 6.B 7.B

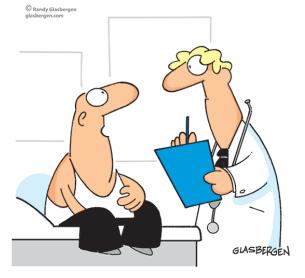
### On the Lighter Side

#### Do You Remember

#### Are You Old Enough To Know:

- 1. When did "Little Suzie" finally wake up?
- (a) The movie's over, it's 2 o'clock
- (b) The movie's over, it's 3 o'clock
- (c) The movie's over, it's 4 o'clock
- 2."Rock Around The Clock" was used in what movie?
- (a) Rebel Without A Cause
- (b) Blackboard Jungle
- (c) The Wild Ones
- 3. What's missing from a Rock & Roll standpoint? Earth
- (a) Angel
- (b) Mother
- (c) Worm
  - 4."Please turn on your magic beam bring me a dream,"
- (a) Mr. Sandman
- (b) Earth Angel
- (c) Dream Lover
  - 5. For which label did Elvis Presley first record?
- (a) Atlantic
- (b) RCA
- (c) Sun
- 6. He asked, "Why's everybody always pickin' on me?" Who was he?
- (a) Bad, Bad Leroy Brown
- (b) Charlie Brown
- (c) Buster Brown
- 7. The Everly Brothers were.....
- (a) Pete and Dick
- (b) Don and Phil
- (c) Bob and Bill

Answers on page 10



"I try to eat healthy. I never sprinkle salt on ice cream, I only eat decaffeinated pizza and my beer is 100% fat free."



Birthday recognition of active members

#### October

10/13 Homer Wesley 10/19 Phyllis Landers 110/26 Johnny Yarbrough 10/28 Anna Belle Johnson 10/30 Ann Williamson 10/31 Lizzie Allen

#### November

11/01 Pat Choate
11/06 Amy Lofton
11/12 Anne Barranco
11/15 Linda Pugh
11/18 Shirley Huneycutt
11/19 Joyce Thomas

11/20 Grace Elmore

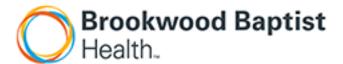
11/21 Darnell Foley 11/25 Nell Ogletree

11/26 Cel Bailey

11/26 Martha Young 11/30 Linda Goodwin

#### December

12/05 Judy Brown
12/08 Dianne Shelton
12/14 Zellean Maddox
12/15 Mary Ann MacDonald
12/15 Rosemary Bamberg
12/25 Jerry Strong
12/26 Peggy Branch
12/28 Pat McGraw



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