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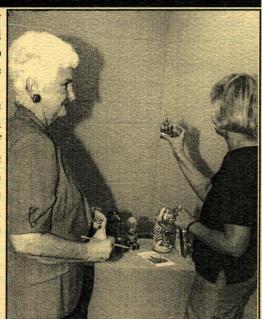
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#### NEWSLETTER FOR TSUD FACULTY AND STAFF

# JOHN WOODHAM MEMORIAL LECTURE SERIES CONTINUES AT TSUD

Troy State University Dothan recently held the third lecture in a series of lectures to honor the memory of late TSUD professor of history, Dr. John Woodham. The lecture was hosted by Dr. Priscilla McArthur, TSUD professor of history, and was entitled Russia 1992 and 1998 - A Report. The lecture compared her visit to the heartland of central Russia in 1992 to her 1998 trip across the western cities and countryside.

"The most obvious contrasts between the visits," McArthur revealed, "were how westernized the big cities like



St. Petersburg and Moscow have become and how improved the attitudes of the people came across on their hopeful faces. The grim picture of Russian life that we are exposed to in the west did not appear as harsh as an American visitor might expect. Problems like lack of money and food shortages were present, but extremely long lines were rare where my tour group visited, and the outlook of the people was one of resilient determination."

Dr. Belsches, TSUD dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said that the John Woodham Memorial Lecture Series came about because the faculty in Arts and Sciences wanted to do something to honor the memory of such a diverse and talented educator. "We envision the series to run one lecture per quarter for the next few years," Belsches said. "The lecture times will vary each quarter, and the variety of topics covered will range from national to more local themes. As future lecture topics are confirmed, we will do our best to make the information available for anyone interested."

Pictured above from left to right is Dr. Priscilla McArthur discussing with Lynda Salisbury, TSUD director of academic records/registrar, souvenirs she purchased while in Russia.

The lectures are free and open to the public. For more information, please call the TSUD College of Arts and Sciences at (334) 983-6556, ext. 390.

## HOLIDAYS BRING SPECIAL VISIT TO TSUD



This "artful" couple recently shared their holiday spirit with guests at the TSUD Christmas Tree Lighting. Though there was nothing "scientific" about their message, there was plenty of good cheer and wishes for everyone. Sharing candy canes and posing for pictures with children will ensure this festive couple's place in TSUD "history." In addition to this special visit from the North Pole (a.k.a. Adams Hall), guests enjoyed a joyous, musical concert presented by the TSUD Community Band and the spectacular lighting of the TSUD Christmas Tree.

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Perusing the list of your accomplishments in 1998, I found myself experiencing shortness of breath followed by a good case of "aweful" humility! The shortness of breath (even for a former marathoner) emanated from my realization that most of you were operating at 110% of your capacity—how else could you have accomplished so much! My nonterminal case of humility emanated from further realization that most of you operated at 110% capacity under most harrowing circumstances.

We lost three of our finest scholars and colleagues. We once again reorganized our staff. We had no idea why some of our most loyal TSU family members wanted to change our name (or what other agendas were driving this controversy?). It was an election year! You can no doubt add to this list (e.g., semester conversion, NCATE, SACS, etc.).

Most of you not only overcame (or worked in spite of external exigencies) but you accomplished so much in 1998. I am in awe of your work and deeply grateful for what you do for this great community. But alas, there is 1999, and much left to do. I will do my best to rise to your expectations and attempt to keep the external exigencies to a minimum.

Happy New Year!

Michael E. Malone President



#### PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

**Dr. Brenda Ameter** taught second grade at the Florence Howard School in Mobile as a participant in the school faculty recognition program on December 9; attended the Arts and Sciences Christmas party; attended TSUD Christmas Tree Lighting; attended TSUD Christmas Luncheon.

Ms. Reta Cordell attended Student System Steering Committee meeting at TSU on November 17; participated in Admissions Implementation Team meeting at TSU on December 1; attended Datatel conversion training in Fairfax, VA, on December 14-18.

**Dr. Elizabeth Fell** chaired curriculum and instruction department meeting, TEP Committee, and SACS Educational Services Committee on November 4; conducted P'ICLE Orientation

on November 13; met with Dothan City Schools administrators concerning cooperating teacher incentives on November 16; chaired curriculum and instruction meeting and SACS Educational Services Committee on November 18; co-presented with Dr. Sandi Jones "Take Two"...Cameras Roll as Language Arts Methods Class Comes Alive! at the National Council of Teachers of English National Convention at Nashville, TN, on November 19-23; conducted fall internship meeting on November 24; conducted winter internship meeting on December 2; provided music for the Dothan Retired Seniors and Volunteer Program Christmas Luncheon on December 4; met with the principal at Mixon Elementary School for PDS experiences winter quarter and shared Olive the Other Reindeer with third graders during the Christmas Community Reader Program at Mixon Elementary on December 14; met with Geneva County superintendent and administrators to begin SACS accreditation on December 15 and 16; celebrated 33rd wedding anniversary camping on Pine Mountain with husband, Ray.

Dr. Joseph Fielding attended SACS Institutional Effectiveness meetings during November and December; interviewed by David Hendrick and published in *The Dothan Eagle* on November 21 and December 8; interviewed by Andrea Boutwell and aired on TV 18 on November 20; attended meetings of the Dothan Advertising Federation in November and December.

Dr. Jan Gunnels chaired ECE search committee and met with ELE and EDL search committees throughout the quarter; sang in the quartet at the Veterans' Day program on November 5; attended a John B. Woodham Lecture Series presented by Dr. Priscilla McArthur's entitled Russia 1992 and 1998 - A Report on November 16; attended University Forum on November 17; met with Thompkins Early Childhood Center teachers in Ozark to plan PDS lab for winter quarter on November 19; met with Faculty Advisory Council on December 1; attended the School of Education Christmas Party at Elizabeth Fell's home on December 1; attended the Commission on Colleges Annual Conference in Atlanta on December 5-8; participated in an interview for ELE position on December 10; attended TSUD Christmas Luncheon on December 14.

Ms. Chris Harmon served on the committee for the TSUD Creative Writing Club Southern Heritage Writing Contest and appeared on the Ann Varnum Show with this committee; attended the ESJC Phi Beta Lambda induction of officers as a former PBL member.

Ms. Becky Izzell attended the Student Celebration at Ft. Rucker on November 19; participated in the Christmas sweatshirt painting class at Northside Mall on December 10.

Dr. Sandra Lee Jones co-presented with Dr. Elizabeth Fell "Take Two"... Cameras Roll as Language Arts Methods Class Comes Alive! at the National Council of Teachers of English National Convention at Nashville, TN, on November 20-22; attended an all day Folger Library workshop about teaching Shakespeare in middle and high school on November 23.

Dr. Cynthia Lumpkin met with TSU System deans and registrars to make common course numbering adjustments on November 9 and 12 and December 9; attended a John B. Woodham Lecture Series presented by Dr. Priscilla McArthur entitled Russia 1992 and 1998 – A Report; met with SACS Faculty committee; attended President's breakfast for Senator-elect Harri Ann Smith; attended President's luncheon for Senator-elect Jimmy Holley; attended TSUD Christmas luncheon.

**Dr. Priscilla McArthur** attended the annual SACS meeting in Atlanta and learned even more about the self-study process on December 6-8.

Mr. Alex McMahan attended a workshop on Proposed Federal Stafford Loan Master Promissory Note on December 10.

Ms. Diana Parker attended Sigma Tau Delta's Tasting Tea on November 4; attended Veterans' Day program at TSUD on November 5; attended SACS Institutional Effectiveness Committee meetings on November 9 and 30; attended a John B. Woodham Lecture Series presented by Dr. Priscilla McArthur entitled Russia 1992 and 1998 – A Report on November 16; attended University Forum on November 17.

Mr. Keith Seagle attended a TRIO Program Management Workshop by the University of Western Kentucky in December; attended a workshop on using Neurofeedback to address specific learning disorders in New Orleans in November; attended a meeting of the Advisory Committee to the Dothan-Houston County Substance Abuse

Partnership to prepare for a Pre-Youth Summit in January.

Dr. Matt Valle was presented with a "Best Paper Award" at the Southern Management Association Annual Conference in New Orleans in November for his paper "An exploration of the impact of the dissertation process on doctoral candidate and field outcomes" (co-authored with Micki Kacmar, Darla Domke, and Jay Mahoney); presented the previous paper and another paper, "Teaching (and learning) team synergy in the management classroom" at the SMA conference; also, served as a paper discussant at SMA. Thanks to the "administration" for increasing the faculty professional travel allowance which allowed me to attend and participate in full at SMA in New Orleans.

Mr. Tony Whetstone attended Sigma Tau Delta's Tasting Tea on November 4; participated in the Veterans' Day program at TSUD on November 5; attended Business and Industry Coffee at Continuing Education Center on November 10; judged bands in the National Peanut Festival Parade on November 14; attended Continuing Education Advisory Council meeting on November 19; attended Student Celebration at Ft. Rucker on November 19; participated as a "bell ringer" through Kiwanis for the Salvation Army on December 1; attended breakfast meeting for Senator-elect Harri Ann Smith on December 2; conducted the TSUD Community Band Christmas Concert at Wiregrass Commons Mall on December 7; attended SPEEDE meeting with officials from Wallace College on December 9; conducted TSUD Community Band at the TSUD Christmas Tree Lighting on December 10.

Mr. Bob Willis attended College Expo at the Alabama Aviation and Technical College and participated in the Veterans' Day Program at TSUD on November 5; attended Datatel conversion training in Fairfax, VA, on December 14-18.

## TSUD EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF MISSION

Troy State University
Dothan (TSUD) is a separately accredited university within The Troy
State University System
providing opportunities
for affordable, accessible
education primarily to
residents of southeast
Alabama, southwest
Georgia, and northwest
Florida.

The university's emphasis on academics is complemented by dedication to public service, applied research, and lifelong learning. TSUD is committed, through traditional and non-traditional means, to enhancing the critical thinking and personal growth essential for informed, productive citizens.





## COURTESY COMMITTEE REPORT

#### November/December 1998

#### **Get Well Cards**

\*Fred Anderson (Thomas Anderson's father)

\*Hemanth Guttikonda (Dr. Guttikonda's son)

\*Kathleen Smith (Julia Smith's mother)

#### Retirement Gift and Card

\*Jolene Caylor

## CAREER DAY 1999

## **FEBRUARY 23**

## 9:00 A.M. - NOON

The Office of Counseling Services and the Student Government Association will co-sponsor the annual career fair at Troy State University Dothan. Local businesses, non-profit agencies, and school systems will be on campus to inform students, faculty, and staff about their products, services, and employment opportunities.

Mark your calendars and join us for CAREER DAY '99.



#### **ACTIVITIES OF THE PRESIDENT**

#### November and December 1998

Made four Capital Campaign visits

Participated in SEADAC Board of Directors meeting

Attended special briefing organized by the Alabama Department of Transportation and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in

Vance

Participated as guest speaker for RSVP Awards Luncheon in Dothan Attended Dr. Palmese's Children's Literature class reading day in Mall

Attended TSU Homecoming activities in Troy

Participated in TSU System Executive Committee meeting in Troy

Participated in House of Ruth Board of Directors meeting

Participated in J. F. Smith Group Fall Retreat at Dadeville

Met with mathematics applicants on campus

Met with speech applicants on campus

Attended TSUD University Forum meeting

Participated in Higher Education Partnership Board of Directors meeting in

Montgomery

Gave presentation at Dothan Chamber of Commerce Leadership Dothan

Education Day program

Attended TSUD Fort Rucker location "Student Celebration"

Participated in National Humanities Foundation meeting in Washington, D.C.

as Alabama Humanities Foundation representative

Participated in AASCU annual meeting in San Francisco, CA

Met with ECE applicants on campus

Participated in meeting of regional presidents and legislative liaisons in

Birmingham

records

Hosted table for the South Alabama Symphony Association "Holiday Pops

Concert" in Dothan

Hosted breakfast meeting for Senator-elect Harri Ann Smith and TSUD

**Executive Council on campus** 

Attended meeting for Governor-elect Don Siegelman at the Dothan Area

Chamber of Commerce office

Hosted lunch meeting for Senator-elect Jimmy Holley and local Chamber and education officials on campus

Worked at House of Ruth poinsettia sale

Participated in TSUD Fall Commencement and hosted lunch for guest

Attended SACS annual meeting in Atlanta

Hosted breakfast meeting on campus for Wallace College and TSUD presidents and enrollment services leaders concerning electronic transfer of

Held staff meeting with TSUD staff

Met with ELE applicants on campus

Attended lunch meeting with Dr. Leon Hobbs

Attended TSUD Christmas Tree Lighting event on campus

Participated in Wiregrass Forum meeting in Dothan

Hosted table for SEADAC holiday dinner and performance

Participated in Alabama Council of University Presidents meeting in

Montgomery Participated in Higher Education Partnership President's Advisory Council

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Participated in TSU System Executive Committee meeting in Montgomery Attended TSUM ribbon cutting ceremony for their new Bookstore/Lobby Participated in Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting

Met with Information Services Director applicants on campus

## TSUD WELCOMES NEW FACULTY AND STAFF

During the recent Faculty and Staff Convocation, several "new faces" were introduced to the TSUD family.

TSUD is proud to welcome **Ronnie Creel** as director of information services. Mr. Creel is a graduate of Gulf Coast Community College and Troy State University. Prior to joining the TSUD family, he was employed with the Southern Nuclear Company as supervisor of information systems. Mr. Creel and his wife, Phyllis, live in Dothan and have three children: Justin (15), Melissa (13), and Matthew (8). In his spare time, he volunteers as a baseball coach and enjoys hunting, volleyball, tennis, golf, and camping.

**Dr. Eric Heinrich** is welcomed as assistant professor in the School of Education. Dr. Heinrich is a graduate of Concordia College, Hunter College, and Fordham University. He was most recently employed with Fordham University as educational services liaison. Dr. Heinrich is a member of Kappa Delta Pi, Phi Delta Kappa and enjoys skiing, swimming, and reading.

TSUD is happy to join Library Services in welcoming **Rachel Hodges** as the new periodicals coordinator. Ms. Hodges is a graduate of the University of Montevallo where she earned her B.A. in English with a minor in art and art history. Upon completion of her degree, Ms. Hodges spent time traveling and living abroad. She is a free lance writer and has had works published in *The Dothan Eagle*. Currently she is pursuing publication of articles in folk art in art criticism journals. Ms. Hodges enjoys travel, photography, swimming, and reading.

**Bill Lipscomb** joins the College of Arts of Sciences as assistant professor of speech communication. Mr. Lipscomb is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi and is currently researching his dissertation from Louisiana State University. He previously served as a graduate assistant for LSU. He is a member of the Southern Speech Communication Association and enjoys participating in community theatre, attending plays, and exercising.

Though a familiar face to TSUD, **Bob Miller** was introduced as full-time faculty in the College of Arts of Sciences. Mr. Miller has previously served as adjunct faculty in the mathematics department of TSUD. Prior to joining TSUD on a full-time basis, he was employed with the Naval Coastal Systems Center as operations research analyst. Mr. Miller enjoys science fiction, computer science, and playing the guitar and drums.

Welcome to these new faculty and staff!

#### TSUD CREATIVE WRITING CLUB

PROUDLY PRESENTS THEIR SECOND ANNUAL TWO-DAY
USED BOOK SALE ON
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10
10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

AND

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

(On Thursday, the Club will offer a covered dish lunch buffet for a cover charge of only \$5.00.)

Everyone is invited to come and browse through a variety of good books both days and to enjoy a good meal on Thursday.

#### LIBRARY NEWS

by Julia Smith, director of library services

#### **ALABAMA VIRTUAL LIBRARY**

The Network of Alabama Academic Libraries (NAAL), of which TSUD is a member, is a strong proponent for funding a proposed Alabama Virtual Library (AVL). Three million dollars is being requested by the Steering Committee of AVL from new growth revenue in the FY2000 Special Education Trust Fund to fund this project. The majority of these funds would be for licensing databases. Other expenses would be for training and for setup and management of the infrastructure, including purchasing the server, Gateway software, and technical support. The concept is similar to that of the much-heralded GALILEO project in Georgia. The goal is to provide all students, teachers, and citizens of the state with online access to essential library and information resources through shared licensing arrangements.

The content of the AVL will be delivered over the Internet through existing computers in public schools, community colleges, four-year colleges, and public libraries across the state. This will provide equitable information to all citizens of Alabama, from rural areas to the urban areas. There will be no charge to anyone for access to the AVL.

Not only will our faculty and students be able to utilize these resources in the short-term, but K-12 students will be better equipped to enter TSUD and be successful college students in the long-term. The Alabama Virtual Library will be a tremendous asset to the education of all Alabama citizens.

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Ms. Rachel Hodges has been named the periodicals coordinator in the TSUD Library. Rachel is a graduate of the University of Montevallo with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature. Her interests include art and writing, and she has written articles for *The Dothan Eagle*. Please come by the periodicals department of the Library and welcome Rachel to the TSUD family.

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E-mail your comments or concerns about Library and ISC Services to jsmith@tsud.edu.

#### COMMUNITY CALENDAR SOUTHEAST ALABAMA MEDICAL CENTER

#### WOMEN AND HEART DISEASE

February 2 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. 1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. 5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

SAMC's panel of health care professionals will provide the latest information available to help women prevent or reverse the damaging effects of heart disease.

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## TRAVEL RELATED INFECTIONS

February 3
12 Noon
Dr. Chris Miller
Internist/Infectious Disease

Potentials for illness are compounded when traveling. Dr. Miller will provide advice and offer recommendations that can be applied to local and abroad travels.

Reservations are required.

Please call (334) 793-8107 or 1-800-533-7445.

## SACS UPDATE

The committees are submitting to the Steering Committee their first drafts January 18. The Steering Committee will review and critique the reports in the next six weeks. Thanks to all committee members for their research and writing. If you made an "A" you can celebrate, if you did not, more research is coming!

## TSU System News...

From Troy...

#### TSU COLLEGE OF BUSINESS SHIFTING GEARS TO PRACTICAL APPROACH

The Sorrell College of Business at Troy State University is changing its focus to better prepare graduates for the world of work, according to Dean Tom Ratcliffe. Dr. Ratcliffe, who has served as dean since October 1997, believes the altered focus will create a stronger partnership between the university and the business community. While he doesn't advocate taking a wrecking ball to the ivory tower of academia, he does believe in a practical approach. "In our mission statement, it says we need to educate the business leaders of the future and to educate the business leaders of today to meet the challenges of the future," Dr. Ratcliffe said. "We have to have an approach that combines the best of the academic world and the best of the business world. We have to bridge that gap to be successful."

Several new programs instituted over the past year are designed with that core vision in mind, including an executive MBA program, a rejuvenated business advisory council, and a faculty that is in tune with current business trends and practices. The executive MBA program with HealthSouth Inc. is the best example of the university-business partnership philosophy, Dr. Ratcliffe said. The Sorrell College of Business worked with the health-care corporation to devise a master's in business administration that will ultimately be completed by hundreds of the company's employees across the nation. The first classes in the program, taught mostly via the Internet, began in August; some 60 HealthSouth employees have enrolled. "By tailoring a program to fit HealthSouth's needs, we are able to help HealthSouth grow the company's next generation of leaders," Dr. Ratcliffe said. "They will all receive their training from Troy State, so they will have the same direction, the same vision, as opposed to having 100 different employees attend 100 different schools. The program is not only health-care specific, it's HealthSouth specific." Dr. Ratcliffe said the executive MBA program is vital to the futures of both TSU and HealthSouth. "Most of the employees in this program are occupational therapists, physical therapists or even some medical doctors, who are very good in their fields, but they don't have a basic understanding of business," Dr. Ratcliffe said. "It's also great for Troy State University, as we have doubled the numbers in our MBA program." In that same vein, the College of Business has tailored a program for employees of Lockheed-Martin in Troy, although that program provides undergraduate courses. "These programs also give our faculty members a chance to keep abreast of business trends, which gives us great ideas for research," Dr. Ratcliffe said.

The recently revived Business Advisory Council also helps the business college faculty and administration know what needs to be taught to prepare TSU students to step in and contribute immediately when they are hired after graduation. "Most colleges of business have advisory councils, but we actually listen to our council and make changes in our programs based upon their suggestions," Dr. Ratcliffe said. "For example, one of the members of our accounting advisory council suggested we have our students fill out some of the tax forms by hand instead of doing them all on the computer because that's the way they'll have to understand them in the working world." The council has also come up with the idea of tailoring an executive MBA program to meet the needs of smaller businesses. "They (the council) said they loved the HealthSouth program but they wanted a program that would meet their needs, so we're going to do it," the dean said.

Dr. Ratcliffe is so wedded to the practical approach that he provides release time for faculty to work in a professional environment. This helps them become better teachers when they return to the classroom. "We'll have accounting professors preparing returns during tax season, for example," he said. "We also encourage international participation, because we want our faculty to be more global in scope. We have one faculty member working on a project in Hong Kong right now." When it comes to obtaining practical experience outside the classroom, Dr. Ratcliffe leads by example. The dean is the only CPA in the United States whose primary responsibilities are in academia who performs peer review of CPA firms, a task generally relegated to practicing CPAs.

#### From Montgomery...

#### TSUM CELEBRATES RENOVATION OF NEW FACILITIES

Troy State University Montgomery cut the ribbon opening a new student/community center on Tuesday, December 15. The center is located on the first floor of Whitley Hall, formerly the Whitley Hotel. The Whitley Hotel was completed in 1923 and was one of Alabama's prominent hotels. Troy State bought the building in the 1970s and started renovating it into a campus dedicated to higher education. "We'd like to establish once and for all that the hotel is no more," said TSUM President Glenda Curry. Dr. Curry said the renovations are as much for the people of Montgomery as the students.

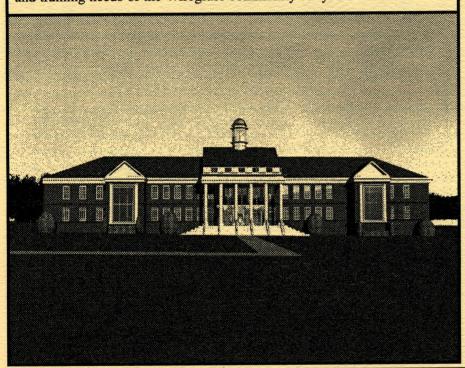
The first floor was the last to be renovated in the old Whitley Hotel which started a year ago to convert into a new student center. The renovations include a new self-serve bookstore, restaurant, coffee shop, information center, T.V. lounges, civic room, and three meeting rooms. The student center meeting rooms have been installed with state of the art audio and video equipment which can accommodate audio and video teleconferencing, as well as satellite downlink conferencing. Civic and business meetings can be conducted at TSUM with catering done by TSUM's food service contractor Marriott.

Future plans at TSUM call for the renovation of the exterior of Whitely Hall, completion of the campus plaza, and construction of The Rosa Parks Library and Museum.



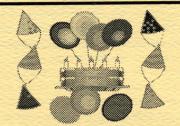
## **Quest for Excellence** TSUD Library/Technology Building

TSUD is in the midst of planning for an exciting celebration which will mark the beginning of construction of the Library/Technology Building. The 52,000 square foot, two-story building will complete the core of the emerging TSUD campus and will be a hallmark of southeast Alabama's rightful place in the future of Alabama. The state-of-the-art building will include a library with online access to state, national and international databases and library catalogs, six networked computer laboratories, a 250-seat lecture hall, three classrooms for traditional and distance education delivery, areas for student and faculty project development, a studio for original TSUD productions, and a space for community/corporate conferences and training. The traditional and stately Williamsburg architecture will complement the high-tech functions that will serve the educational, cultural, and training needs of the Wiregrass community for years to come.



#### **BIRTHDAYS FOR** FEBRUARY

- **Tina Bernath** James Windle
- Robert Melczarek
- **Barbara** Alford
- 113459 **Ronnie Capps**
- **Bob Miller**
- **Forrest Wood**
- **Ronald Bae**
- 10 17 20 Khamis Bilbeisi
- 26 Daphne Harker
- 26 Paul Schrei 26 Lana Ward Paul Schreiner



## **BIRTHDAYS FOR**

- **March Morris**
- Jeanette Anglin
- Robert Burroughs
- **Ann Wells**
- Sam Wise
- **Thomas Anderson**

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