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Christmas Greetings

From The Folks Who Went To
Abbeville !



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DECEMBER MEETING

The annual Christmas Party will be held at The Hephzibah Community Center **Saturday, December 9th**. Hors d'oeuvres at 6:30. Dinner at 7:30 with a short business meeting after the meal.

CLUB DUES ARE DUE!

You have received your dues notice from MAFCA by now.

It is also your reminder that it is time to pay your Shade Tree A's dues, WHICH INCLUDES YOUR MAFCA DUES. "One check, that's all" says Treasurer Richard Dunevent. Make that check out for \$55.00 and get the check and the yellow MAFCA renewal card to Richard.

After December 1st, your dues will be PAST DUE!

REFRESHMENTS

Highlighted name coordinates what the group brings

December

Dinner Meeting

January

Meloan, McPherson, Miller, Brown, Komp

February

Garvin, Shogren, Chavis, Roberts, Ready



OFF THE RUNNING BOARD

Thoughts from the President

You hold the final newsletter of the year in your hands. It's hard to believe that my year as President of the Shade Tree A's has passed so quickly. As I write my last President's column, I want to thank the other officers who have kept things moving during the necessary business trips I've had to take during my tenure as President. I particularly want to thank our Vice-President, Craig McMullen, who filled in for me a number of times.

Speaking of officers, I hope you have sent in your ballot for the 2007 club officers. The winners of the election will, quite literally, determine where your club goes in the coming year.

If this is the final newsletter of the year, it must be Parade Season! I mentioned getting our cars ready for the Christmas parades in the November President's column and I hope your Model A is all cleaned up and ready to go. You'll find a number of parades listed in the calendar on page 12 of this issue of the newsletter. Please take note that the earliest one is Gibson which takes place **November 25th!** There are a total of 7 parades plus several other Christmas events that you will want to attend. The Christmas festivities and parades are always enjoyable with enthusiastic crowds of viewers. Select as many as you like, get in your A and join in the fun!

I hope you have enjoyed your year as a member of the Shade Tree A's. Looking back, there were a number of successes for the club. Once again, we provided cars for an Augusta Mall Show. Our Steak Cookout was very successful and the group who went to Abbeville said they had an especially good time! The Halloween costumes (page 7) played a big part in getting folks in the mood for the play, "Dracula". The weather for both the steak cookout and the Abbeville tour was excellent, as you can see from the pictures. The surprise visit with the 96 Club was also a lot of fun! And they WERE surprised! All in all... lots of great memories! Aren't you glad you're a member of the Shade Tree A's?

The club continues to grow and I feel confident that 2007 will be another banner year for us. I look forward to being with all of you, under our new President, next year!

Jack Horner, President



MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING

After a meal of turkey, potato salad, rolls, banana pudding and a beverage provided by the Doziers, Wilsons, S. Smiths and Chavis, Vice President Craig McMullen (in the absence of President Jack Horner) called the meeting to order on Monday, November 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Don Turley introduced John Collins as his guest. New members Jim Dace and Don Gordon were also introduced. Illnesses were covered. The treasurer's report was read and all were reminded that dues are to be paid by December 1. Craig displayed our Certificate of Incorporation and discussed the results of the meeting meal opinion poll (keep it as it is). Roger Dozier showed two pair of era men's shoes.

Old Business—the steak cookout had an excellent turn-out; thanks to all who helped. Craig reported on the Abbeville Tour and Play, the Mystery Tour and Richland Creek's "Old Farm Days" event where our club had breakfast with the "Old 96" Club. Tech Session VIII had good attendance, too. Don Neal's electrical problem was worked on. Lorry Schroen reported that we had five cars in the Veteran's Day Parade.

New Business—Jim McPherson listed upcoming events, in particular the February 24, 2007 Ft. Gordon Dinner Theatre—sign up early! Susan Meloan said the Shady A Ladies are collecting Christmas gift cards for the Child Enrichment Program and are coordinating the Christmas party. Lorry Schroen passed a signup sheet for the Christmas party. There was also a signup for the meeting meals for 2007. James Gay collected information for the Mileage Awards.

Tom Roberts said the ballots were slowly coming in. Vote by December 1! The nominations for the Monroe Wade Award were due today.

After the break, Abbie Prince gave a thorough program on installing air conditioning in a Model "A". He brought his car for demonstration purposes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, *Tom Roberts*



MINUTES OF THE BOARD

The Board of Directors of the Shade Tree A's meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm on November 6 by President Jack Horner. Jack asked Vice President Craig McMullin to stand in for him at the next meeting and the Christmas party as he will be out of town. Jack said we will need a projector for the party. He will ask Eric Shogren if he can get one. Other party arrangements were discussed.

The list of Policy and Procedures was reviewed. The following changes were proposed and voted on:

Motion by Craig McMullin that the Monroe Wade Award Committee be made up of Ed Meloan (Permanent Chairman), the three most recent Award winners (excluding Chairman Ed Meloan), and Mrs. Betty Wade. The motion was seconded by Tom Roberts; passed unanimously.

Motion by Craig McMullin to remove from the list of Policy and Procedures the Policy concerning the meeting format (to have a program every other month with an Open Forum discussion on alternate months). Jim McPherson seconded the motion; passed unanimously.

Motion by Craig McMullin to change the recipients of flowers/memorials to include only spouse, mother, father and children. Jim McPherson seconded the motion; passed unanimously.

Motion by Ed Meloan to make Craig McMullin the Permanent Chairman of the Anniversary Pin Committee. Bill Maypole seconded the motion; passed unanimously.

Motion by Craig McMullin that the Vice President is responsible for purchasing a gift for the outgoing President. The gift is to be presented at the Christmas Party. Jim McPherson seconded the motion; passed unanimously.

There was discussion of the non-binding poll concerning the meeting meals. The results of

the poll indicated the majority of members chose to keep the meal as it currently being handled. The Woodrow Wilson Anniversary Celebration Committee has requested cars for display.

Jack Horner stated that the Club Seal of Incorporation has been purchased at a cost of \$43.02. There was discussion of revisions to by-laws recommended by the incorporation attorney. These recommendations will be voted on by members at the Christmas party.

The Board voted to approve an annual charge of \$70 for additional Web space for newsletter pictures—to be charged to the Newsletter supplies.

The next Board meeting will be December 18, 2006 at 6:30 pm at Ed and Susan Meloan's home. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted, *Tom Roberts*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Gibson Christmas Parade

The Christmas Parade season begins with Gibson on **Saturday November 25th**. We will meet in the Wal-Mart parking lot at Bobby Jones Expressway and Deans Bridge Road for an 11:30 departure. The lunch order for the day will be BBQ and those famous fried pies, not to mention the other deserts. The parade begins at 3 o'clock.

Graniteville Christmas Parade

The Graniteville Christmas Parade will be held on **Saturday December 2nd**. Line-up at the Graniteville Middle School at 2:30 for the parade at 3:30.

Thomson Christmas Parade

The Thomson Christmas parade will be held on **Saturday evening December 2nd**. This year the parade begins at 5:30 PM, I believe a new starting time for us. We will line up behind and on the far side of the Thomson Middle School, (the old Thomson High School), as we did last year. We are fortunate to again be sponsored in this parade by the Thomson Packing Company. If you can only participate in one parade this year, make it this parade.

Aiken Christmas Parade

The Aiken Christmas Parade will be held on **Sunday December 3rd**. Line-up at 1 PM. The parade will begin at 2 PM and be televised live on WJBF.

UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED...



"Singing Christmas Tree"

The Shade Tree A's will enjoy a musical performance by the Millbrook Baptist Choir on **Sunday December 3rd** as they present a "Singing Christmas Tree". If you haven't attended this performance in the past, mark it on your calendar now. The performance begins promptly at **3 PM**, but you are encouraged to arrive early, by **2 PM** (or earlier) to display your Model A. They are looking forward to seeing our cars on display, and we are looking forward to their performance. Millbrook Baptist Church is located at the intersection of Whiskey Road and Highway 19, behind McDonalds, in Aiken. Dinner at Ryan's, just across Whiskey Road from the church, will follow the performance.

Gracewood Christmas Parade

The Gracewood Christmas Parade will be held on **Wednesday December 6th**. Drive your Model A to lunch at the old Sheraton hotel (now Augusta Towers) then proceed to Gracewood for the parade line-up at the baseball field at 12:30 and the parade at 1 o'clock. The rain date will be Thursday December 7th.

Hephzibah Christmas Parade

The Hephzibah Christmas Parade will be held on **Saturday December 9th**. The parade will line up at the High School at 10 o'clock, with the parade to begin at 11. After the parade we will tour to Sconyers for lunch.

Midland Valley Christmas Parade

The Midland Valley Christmas Parade will be held on **Saturday December 9th**. The parade will begin at 3:00 PM.

Shade Tree A's Christmas Party

The Shade Tree A's will hold their annual Christmas Party on **Saturday December 9th** at the Hephzibah Community Center. The Shady A Ladies have graciously accepted coordination of the party again this year. Arrive around 6:30 for hors d'oeuvres before the traditional turkey and ham dinner at 7:30. Sign-up at the November meeting to bring your favorite dish, or call Lorry Schroen (706-560-1642) to confirm your attendance and dish. A short business meeting and, for entertainment, a short slide show of the Shade Tree A's activities during 2006 (provided by Ed Meloan) will follow the meal.

Jackson Christmas Parade

The Jackson Christmas Parade will be held on **Sunday December 10th**. Line-up at 2:00 at the Jackson Middle School for the parade at 3:00.

Christmas Lights Tour

The Shade Tree A's will hold their annual Christmas Lights Tour **Tuesday December 12th**. We will meet in the Daniel Village parking lot, and depart at 7 PM. If you

wish to eat dinner before the tour, we suggest the Village Deli in Daniel Village. The tour will focus on a special Christmas display in the Hill section and another, a short distance away in West Augusta, where we will have refreshments.

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New Years Breakfast & Tour

The Shade Tree A's will start the New Year off by driving their Model A's to breakfast on **Monday January 1st**. We will meet at the Cracker Barrel at 9 o'clock for breakfast. They do not accept reservations, so we will be on our own. This year we are adding a short but very interesting after breakfast tour. We will visit the Furniture Doctor where Walter Smith will walk us through the furniture restoration process. We will then drive a short distance to see Walter's bottle collection, where he will tell us the story of Augusta through bottles.

2007 Events Continued...

Fort Gordon Dinner Theater

The Shade Tree A's will be returning to the Fort Gordon Dinner Theater on **Saturday February 24th** for dinner and the Broadway play "Guys and Dolls"!

A musical comedy set in Damon Runyon's mythical New York City. This oddball romantic comedy - considered by many to be the perfect musical comedy - soars with the spirit of Broadway as it introduces us to a cast of vivid characters who have become legends in the canon: Sarah Brown, the upright but uptight "mission doll," out to reform the evildoers of Time Square; Sky Masterson, the slick, high-rolling gambler who woos her on a bet and ends up falling in love; Adelaide, the chronically ill nightclub performer whose condition is brought on by the fact she's been engaged to the same man for 14 years; and Nathan Detroit, her devoted fiancé, desperate as always to find a spot for his infamous floating crap game.

Everything works out in the end, thanks to the machinations of Abe Burrows and Jo Swerling's hilarious, fast-paced book and Frank Loesser's bright, brassy, immortal score, which takes us from the heart of Times Square to the cafes of Havana, Cuba, and even into the sewers of New York City. Funny and romantic, "Guys and Dolls" is ideal for audiences of any age, so bring the entire family. Tickets are \$34.00 for civilians, \$32.00 for seniors (over 65) and retired military. Sign-up at the meeting, or call (706-592-4835) or e-mail (james.mcpherson@amedd.army.mil) Jim McPherson for your reservations.

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The Shade Tree A's met at the Sunrise Grill on the crisp Saturday morning of October 28th in preparation for their Fall Tour to Abbeville.

After having our fill of hot coffee and a variety of breakfast treats, we were off to Abbeville and the historic Belmont Inn, where it's haunting past awaited our arrival. We got an extra treat, as we rounded each bend and topped each hill, as the brilliant fall foliage greeted us.

Upon arrival in Abbeville, some visited their favorite shops on the town square, purchasing jewelry, fabric, antiques or beer and hot dogs, while others toured the historic Burt-Stark House, where our first ghost sighting, of General Jefferson Davis and others, occurred. Many found their way back to the hotel basement, formerly the horse stables, and now the hotel lounge, to keep tabs on the Saturday afternoon football games, while



others enjoyed a Wine and Cheese Welcome Party upstairs in the hotel lobby. While traversing the hidden stairway between the two places, some reported hearing the sounds and seeing the ghosts of the horses formerly housed in the stables. As the afternoon progressed, more and more of our members saw the stabled horses. Hotel staff provided descriptions of the resident ghosts and their musings around the hotel.

Dressing in our Halloween finest added to the festivities of the weekend, and was most appropriate for the occasion. We had 100% of our members disguised in various Halloween costumes. We found our way to the dinning room for a gourmet dinner, featuring choices ranging from Southern grits and shrimp to duck. Following dinner we went across the street to the Abbeville Opera House for the play "Dracula". I don't know who had more fun, us, or the surprised play patrons seeing us dressed in costume. Many of us were dressed as counts, witches, and vampires, and play patrons took our pictures. We enjoyed the suspense and seduction of Bram Stoker's classic novel on stage, but were more surprised with our own performance as the characters we impersonated.

Following the play we returned to the hotel dinning room for coffee and desert, only to find out it was a surprise Birthday Party for Christine Gordon. Many took the opportunity to meet a real live Count,

Count Justin Sane, have their picture made with him, and get his autographed picture. It was a good thing this was the date to turn our clocks back one hour, as it had been a long day. Sunday morning came all too soon, but for us it was a joy to be awakened by the smell of bacon and sausage being cooked for breakfast. Then the coveted cover photo opt and we were soon in our Model A's, heading home on the South Carolina side of the Savannah River. If you have not seen all of the tour pictures, go to www.ShadeTreeAs.org and click on "Photos of Recent Events" to view more of the Abbeville happenings.

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It wasn't a mystery to us, we knew where we were going and what we were doing, but it was certainly a surprise to the Old 96 District Model A Club as they pulled into Shirley's Restaurant in Saluda, SC only to find the parking lot already full of Model A Fords, and Shade Tree A's members waiting to greet them.

of the day was the antique tractor pulls. Craig McMullin had his tractor on display, but we could not convince him to enter the pull. Maybe next year.

It had been a long day, so what could we do on the way home? We stopped at Ruby Tuesday's for dinner, where we were joined by Ed and Susan Meloan.

We met at the old Hardee's on Hwy 25 on Saturday November 4th for an early 7:45 departure to make sure we were in Saluda before the 96 District A's arrived. It was cold, but we were determined to surprise them for breakfast, and surprise them we did. We had eight Model A's, including Abbie Prince in his Tudor, Ken Nelson driving his Roadster from Lexington, Larry Komp driving Flora and Stuart Smith riding with Richard Dunevent. George and Don Gordon had the only Model A Pick-up on display. We had many more members joining us for breakfast, or meeting us at the show in their modern iron, than we had driving Model A's, including Curtis and Linda Krosting, Jim Mason, Don Neal, Ralph Neitzke, and Tom and Bruce Hitt.

After breakfast we toured to Richland Creek Fall Festival, really an antique tractor show and pull. It was a very large event, much like Richmond Hill. They had operating saw mills, planers, grits mills, sugar cane press, a blacksmith shop, and spinning yarn, cane syrup, and lye soap demonstrations. In addition they had powered farm equipment demonstrating harvesting and processing of peanuts, corn, peas, hay and a number of other crops, but the hit

RECENT EVENTS

Tech Session VIII

Eleven Model A's arrived at the Tech Session on Saturday November 11th. The day started much earlier, with eleven members gathering for breakfast at the Sunrise Grill. After breakfast we toured to Richard Dunenent's garage to ask the question "Is your Model A parade ready?"

We got a good look at a very original Model A owned by new member Travis Starr.

Thirty members worked toward evaluating a pesky electrical problem, measuring the resistance of headlamp bulbs, repairing door dovetails and replacing door hinge pins, all before lunch. All Model A's present were declared parade ready.

Sheila McPherson served BBQ sandwiches, baked beans, potato salad and desert for lunch.

ON THE SHADY SIDE

By Susan Meloan

Can you believe that it is already time again for the Christmas party? If you have not signed up with Lorry Schroen, call or e-mail her now to let us know you will be there. If she does not hear from you, Lorry will be calling to check, and find out what you will bring. We will look forward to seeing everyone. Just for fun wear a Model A Era outfit. It can be any type – original, reproduction, or just a fun one. It can be dressy or casual. The variety will be interesting and fun. This is optional, but is encouraged.

I attended the meeting of the MARC fashion committee in Garden City, Michigan on the weekend of November 10-12. The fashion committee is planning activities for both the Annual Membership meeting in Joliet, IL, April 13-14 and the National Meet, June 18-22. The committee will prepare a seminar on Handbags for Joliet. There will be a display and handout showing a wide variety of original and reproduction handbags and purses. Marilyn Krenger and Gail Crane will be coordinating this event.

In June for the Williamsburg National Meet, the committee will prepare a seminar on the major garment. The major garment determines the category for judging, and other items are judged for appropriateness based on the major garment selected. Since STA's are planning to tour to Williamsburg, I hope all of you will plan to go and attend this seminar and participate in the fashion events. The Fashion Committee is reworking the guidelines for the Fashion Judging and Show to make the standards more consistent, encouraging more participation, making it a fun event for the whole family.

During both events, the committee will set up a table to display items, answer questions, and will sponsor an "Era or Not" session. A set time will be posted. During this period several committee members will be available to review any items that anyone has and wants to bring for an evaluation. This will be a helpful way to determine what you really have. Standards, patterns and other items will be for sale at this table.

The four patterns that were published last summer are available from the MARC office, and are advertised in *Model A News*. There are also a number of the original patterns printed earlier that are still available. Don't forget that the Shade Tree A's has all these patterns available for you to use. You can check them out at our meetings or contact Frankie Dunevent to get them.

Each month *Model A News* contains a fashion article as well as an informational column from the chairman, Callie Bartlett. Be sure that you see these when your copy arrives.

See you at the Christmas party. *Susan Meloan*

The mysterious stranger, in black, is Dotti Shogren. She is standing by Ernest Hemmingway's Rolls Royce at the 5th Annual Hilton Head Concours d'Elegance





VINTAGE VISIONS

Let's Go Shopping

By Deborah Wade-Fuller

Planning a shopping trip to look for the next item to add to your vintage clothing closet can sometimes be a task in itself. The purpose of your trip could be for a specific item, a complete outfit for a special event, an accessory to complete your look, or it could be you are looking for someone else. Whatever the reason, it should be adventure. Make a day of it with friends, lunch, photos and lots of laughter.

Most of the vintage shops that I have visited have carried items in sizes ranging from the very small to medium. Even though they were garments that were not my size, it was a learning tool. I have been able to see the fabric that a garment was made of, how the garment was constructed and how the garment might hang. In addition, I was able to view the pricing.

I have discovered that Atlanta is home to many vintage shops, but there are only three that I have discovered that might carry items from the 1920-1940 periods.

Stefan's Clothing – Little 5 Points
1160 Euclid Ave Atlanta
404-688-4929

They have a large men's section, including hats, shoes, and accessories. You might also find a silk velvet ladies cape if you are lucky.

Frock of Ages – Candler Park
1653 McClendon Ave. NE Atlanta
404-370-1006

Mostly women's items, carries a large selection of fine evening wear from any decade. The shop is a great place to find a hat, purse, gloves or jewelry. The owner likes to turn her stock and you might be able to find a markdown.

The Lucky Exchange - Midtown
212 Ponce De Leon Atlanta
404-817-7715.

They carry a huge variety for both men and women, although finding a 1930's item will take time and filtering through the racks.

After driving to Atlanta, and on your feet going through the racks, the trip needs to include lunch. The Midtown, Candler Park and Little 5 Points area has a host of places to eat, and watch the locals go by. You can always find the traditional, Longhorns, Mo's Southwestern, or Krispy Kream, if that is what you are looking for, but why not try something new. Some of my favorites are right around the corner from each of these shops.

Little 5 Points

Vortex Bar and Grill – Great Hamburgers
Highland Bakery – Everything is fresh, Sandwiches, Salads, and great cookies and brownies.

Jake's Ice Cream—right across the street.

Candler Park

The Flying Biscuit – Wonderful Salads, Biscuits with fresh Apple Butter. You will not get beef or pork here.

Fellini's – Pizza, Salads and a wonderful place to eat outside.

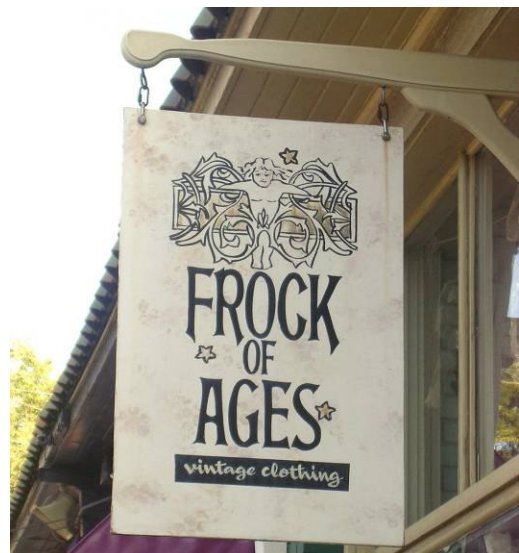
La Fonda – Mexican – Very small, great Fish Tacos.

Midtown

Mary Mac's Tea Room – Atlanta tradition, Home cooking

Gordon Beers – Great food and very reasonable for Lunch has a very nice Patio.

The Spaghetti Factory – Very affordable.





SHADE TREE A'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Legend: A **RED** entry denotes a change or new addition to the calendar.

A **GREEN** entry denotes a Dinner Meeting at a different location.

NOVEMBER

25 Gibson Parade

DECEMBER

2 Graniteville Parade, 3:30 PM
 2 Thomson Christmas Parade, 5:30 PM
 3 Aiken Christmas Parade, 2 PM
3 Singing Christmas Tree, Aiken, 3 PM
 6 Gracewood Parade @ 1:00
 9 Hephzibah Christmas Parade, 11 AM
 9 Midland Valley Christmas Parade. 3 PM
9 STA Christmas Party
10 Jackson Parade @ 3:00
 12 Christmas Lights Tour, 7 PM
 14-16 MAFCA Membership Meeting,
 Las Vegas, NE

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JANUARY

1 New Year's Day Breakfast & Tour
 8 **STA Meeting**

FEBRUARY

12 **STA Meeting**
 15-18 Model A Roundup, Jacksonville
24 Ft Gordon Dinner Theater

MARCH

9-11 Savannah Tour
 12 **STA Meeting**
17 St Patrick's Day Parade
 24 Picnic-in-the-Park

APRIL

9 STA Dinner Meeting
 13-15 MARC Membership Meeting, Joliet, IL
 20-21 Swap Meet, Greenwood
 27-28 Fiddlers & Fiddleheads Hill Climb &
 Festival, Unicoi, TN

MAY

14 STA Meeting
 18-20 Social Security Run

JUNE

11 STA Meeting
 14-21 MARC National Meet, Williamsburg, VA

JULY

9 STA Meeting

AUGUST:

13 STA Meeting

SEPTEMBER:

10 STA Meeting

OCTOBER:

8 STA Meeting

NOVEMBER:

12 STA Meeting

DECEMBER

5-9 MAFCA Membership Meeting
 Southern CA
8 STA Christmas Party

NEW MEMBERS

The Shade Tree A's are happy to welcome these new members!
 Travis and Diane Starr, 4211 Long Cove Drive, Martinez, GA 30907
 Phone 706 860-4667

The Starr's own a 1931 Coupe

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

David Cozart, Mike Chavis, Richard Dunevent (REALLY!!), Frank Knapp, Jim Miller,
 Eric Shogren, Jim Mason, Lee Taylor

Barbara Bryant, Marian Purkey, Margaret Collier, Lisa Smith, Gayle Adams, Linda Nelson,
 Ann Claiborne Christian, Elizabeth Ford, Tina Dace