



Welcome to New Neighbors

Retired attorney Stephen S. Gerard recently moved to East Henry St. Read more about him on page 2.

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Join the GNA private Facebook page, by contacting Jack Taylor at 912-210-2200.

Receive GNA email, by contacting Tommy Daniels at kouprey@earthlink.com.

Check out the GNA web site at www.gordonston.com.

Send story ideas to Meaghan at info@mwgerard.com.

A full directory of neighborhood contacts can be found on page 4.



HUGE THANKS

to so many...

Gordonston once again won the "Rock Around The Block" Neighborhood Contest!

There are many people to thank for their donations and efforts. There are so many to thank, so look for them throughout this issue.

Whether you helped to create decorations, donated your time with set-up, or simply came out to cheer the runners, thank you. It truly was a neighborhood effort.

You rock, Gorstonston!

New Neighbors

Stephen S. Gerard recently moved into a home on the 1900 block of E. Henry St. He is originally from Bronx, NY and went to school at NYU. He served eighteen years in the Army while raising his family in NJ. He spent most of his career as a immigration attorney for a pharmaceutical company. He moved with his wife Nancy to Savannah (her hometown) in 2000 to retire.

After the loss of Nancy, he decided to sell his home on the islands and move closer to family. His son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Meaghan Gerard are happy to have him so close and have already been introducing him around the neighborhood. He is also the proud grandfather of three.



Gordonston Book Club

December 8: Holiday Social

Host: Gelcys Nielson

Theme: OLÉ! Hispanic, from around the world!

January 12: *Serena*, by Ron Rash

Host: Kay Tucker

Reviewer: Kate Marsters

February 9: *The Nineteenth Wife* by David Ebershoff

Host: Judi Painter

Reviewer: Cat Insley

**Book club is open to all
Gordonston women. Anyone
who would like more info,
please call Kate at 232-3963.**

Gordonston Garden Club News

Growing Seed and Community Together: The garden club got off to a delayed but exciting start this year, when speaker Diana Churchill had to delay her October presentation. But, the gardeners were still busy! Members, led by Jack Taylor, helped get the Gordonston Marker ship shape for the Rock and Roll Marathon festivities. They also organized a Memorial Tree planting for long-time Gordonston Resident Betty Smith. On November 2, over fifty family members, neighbors, and guests joined together to celebrate Betty's life by planting a lovely white

camellia along the front walk. Betty -- who lived in and loved Gordonston for over 80 years -- was an avid gardener, a long time garden club member, and an advocate for our community and its natural spaces. She successfully lobbied the city to plant trees along the Kinzie Ave. median, further beautifying our community. After the reading of several special poems by Betty's beloved niece, Andrea Smith of Charleston, SC, family and friends placed and planted the camellia knowing that Betty's deep roots in our community will always be honored.

The next garden club meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2015. Please make plans to join us. We would love to see you there. ~Alice Henrick, President

Colleen and Daniel Greene

tied the knot on October 25th at Camp Villa Marie. Colleen says, "We met our junior year of high school at state rifle championships. I kicked his booty." Daniel works at Thomas & Hutton Engineering. The couple lives on East Henry Street.

CONGRATULATIONS**In Memoriam**

Gordonston recently lost three
of its long time residents.

Annie Coats Jackson was born in 1934 in Wheeler County, Georgia. She earned multiple degrees from Albany State, Atlanta University, University of Michigan, and Georgia Southern. She taught for many years in the local Savannah school system and was active in numerous professional, social and civic organizations. Mrs. Jackson lived in Gordonston on Kinzie and Atkinson Avenue. Family members have requested donations to the memorial scholarship fund in her name, care of 102 Atkinson Ave.

Martha "Betty" Smith was born and lived in Savannah her entire life. She attended Armstrong Junior College, as it was called then. She worked at Great Dane Trailers for 44 years before retiring to her house on Kinzie Avenue. Neighbors remembered her green thumb by planting a tree in Juliette Low Park (read more about that in the Garden Club News).



Alice Roberts Blank, resident of Gordonston since 1939, passed away at the age of 99. She was born in Savannah in 1915 and graduated with a fine arts degree from the College of William & Mary. She returned to marry Clyde Blank and the couple built their home on Kentucky Avenue, and she continued to pursue her art. She was interviewed in the winter 2011 newsletter by Julia Williams and Judi Painter. From that article: *Her paintings are in private collections across the US as well as in family members' homes. One large abstract painting titled "Strata" hangs over the sofa; it has won awards in five cities, quite an accomplishment for any artist. The Telfair Museum has two of Alice's works in its permanent collection.* Though she was largely homebound in her final years, she remained a vibrant neighbor.

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***GNA Officer
Nominations***

We'll be electing new GNA officers at the Christmas party on Saturday evening Dec 13th. A call for nominations is included with this newsletter as an insert and will have a deadline of **December 10.**

Before nominating someone, you must contact those you have in mind and verify there are willing to run and serve.

Return nomination forms to:

PO BOX 3723,
Savannah, GA
31414

or hand deliver to
Shirley Munderloh
at 11 Edgewood.

**Thank you for
considering this
important service
to neighborhood.**

2014/5 GNA MEMBERSHIP HONOR ROLL

Abigail Adams
 Otto & Margaret Aliffi
 Chris & Krista Aliffi
 Barrett & Pam Benton
 Bob & Betty Bess
 Alice Blank
 Dee & Brenda Bowers
 AJ & BOnnie Carter
 Ryan & Tori Chandler
 John & Suzanne Cone
 Linda Cone
 Tommy & Dottie Daniels
 Jim & Karen Davis
 Todd & Kim Dulek
 Ian & Peggy Elliott
 Susan & Buck Elliott
 Ann Ellis & Jeni Ellis Riggs
 Jerry Fath
 Brendan & Carey Ferrara
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 Lynette & Scottie Hendrix
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 Alice Henrick & Carl Biathrow
 John Hudson
 Annie Jackson
 Billy, Debbie, & Clay James
 Peggy Jolley
 Jamie & Mary Ann Kavanagh
 Jessica & Joa Kelly, Nancy Poser

Greg & Nell Keyes
 Charlotte Landon & Robert Trithart
 James & Lisa Langley
 Louis & Charlene Law
 Katie McIntyre
 Mick & Connie McCay
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 Melissa Mauldin & Tony
 Migchelbrink
 Sharon, Kelly, & Orion Marden
 Gene & Kate Maria
 Kate Marsters
 Mike & Nancy Martin
 Bernice, Robert, & Muriel Miller
 Mike Moran & Denise Dawson
 Joel & Kathy Matulys
 Andy Mullally & Matt Toole
 Roger & Shirley Munderloh
 Libby Fay & David Mustoe
 Fred & Legare Nadelman
 Jens Nejsgaard & Stella Berger
 Gelys Nielsen
 Jackie & Gary Ogden
 Tom & Laura Oliver
 Paul & Judi Painter
 Don Palmer, MD, & Gloria Silver
 Kristen Parent
 Bobby & Sheila Phillips
 Katherine & Oliver Raffray
 Jo Ranow
 Kelly Reed & Mark Dennen
 Beth Reiter
 Christopher & Colleen Reynolds
 Kristine Rice & Jeffrey Baker
 Sue & Emily Richards & Jack
 Jerry & Lu Riley

Charles Robertson
 Christopher J. Schreck
 Patricia & Nancy Schreck
 Willie & Marie Smalls
 Betty Smith
 Steven R. Smith
 Sylvia S. Smith
 Curtis & Tracy Smith
 Cima Starr
 Ellie Tardiff & James Rowe
 Jack Taylor
 Alfonso Walker
 Angela Watkins
 Daniel & Kristin Weiner
 Julia & Charles Williams
 Jack & Beth Wilson
 Mary Zipser

Recent additions:

Meaghan & Steve Gerard
 Keisha Marsters, Alexis Desutko &
 Ava Hayward
 Darlie Clary
 Michael Campbell & Kirsten Krause
 Angela & Tommy Williams
 Brooks & Mary Dawson
 Mary B. Sullivan
 Laura Grifka & Deborah Adams
 Marjorie Thompson, Kevin Johns &
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CELEBRATIONS

ROCK 'N' ROLL MARATHON NOVEMBER 8 2014



Halloween Hike October 25, 2014

A huge thanks to Emily
and Sue Richards for
organizing the annual
Halloween Hike!





THANK YOU

From Jack Taylor: Thank you to Kim and Todd for all their hard work. I hear that the pains of childbirth are forgotten after the arrival of the newborn. I have several great memories of the arrival of the mums. Alice, Lea, Beth, Thomas, Tilly and Jack had a great time unloading the 120 mums. The photo shoot afterwards can testify to that. Moss was gathered by many neighbors for bedding down the mums. Thanks to Savannah Park and Tree for piling collected moss afterwards. They did a great clean-up of the circle and medians. Thanks to James Cunningham's crew for piling up moss in the park after all their tree work in the park. Thanks to those neighbors who collected moss and thanks to those that delivered it to the different locations prior to the marathon. Thanks to all those early risers who helped place the mums throughout Gordonston. I remember Mick McCay asking me what to do with the mums. Angela Watkins was like the energizer bunny collecting and displaying mums and moss. I was working around the marker and Circle and did not get to witness those that decorated Kinzie, Atkinson and Goebel Aves, and other locations. Thanks to all those volunteers. During the marathon several neighbors participated in handing out mum bouquets to passing runners. One neighbor got a British kiss of gratitude. We all witnessed the smiles and heard the many offerings of thanks. Char and Robert got into the spirit with Robert joining the race to hand out flowers. Hailee and Donna even managed to give a bouquet to Eric VFB. It was great fun. Thanks to anyone I failed to recognize. Job well done. Take a much earned bow.

To those who purchased mums for the race course:

Arcos, Craig & Lisa; Benton, Barrett & Pam; Bess, Betty, Biathrow/Henrick, Carl & Alice; Bowers, Dee & Brenda; Campbell, Mike/ Krause, Kirsten; Cone, Suzanne & John; Crone, Linda; Daniels, Tommy & Dottie; Davis, Karen & Jim; Dawson, Denise/Moran, Mike; Ferrara, Brendan & Carey; Frischer, Marc & Soo Yacker; Gentry, Jenny; Glenn, Deborah & Cooper; GNA; Grifka, Laura/Adams, Debbie; Hayward, Nancy, Henning/Insley, Cat & Bob; Jolley, Peggy; Kelly, Joa & Jessica; Logan, Darlie Clary; Marsters, Kate; Matulys, Joel & Kathy; McCay, Mick & Connie; McIntrye, Katie; Nielsen, Gelcys; Painter, Judi & Paul; Parent, Kirsten; Phillips, Bobby & Sheila; Raffray, Katherine & Olivier; Reiter, Beth; Reynolds, Colleen & Chris; Riggs, Jenni-Ellis; Riley, Jerry & Lu; Smalls, Willie & Marie; Trithart/Landon, Robert & Charlotte; Tucker, Kay; Von Fischer-Benzon, Harald & Donna; Weiner, Daniel & Kristin; Williams, Julia & Charles

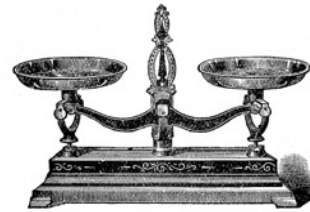
**And thanks to Jack Taylor
for delivering the mums to
their rightful homes!**

Gordonston Crime Prevention

The uptick in crime in Savannah over the past few months has affected Gordonston and nearby neighborhoods. In order to help residents recognize crime and how to best report it, they have started a crime prevention committee that meets regularly.

From Colleen Greene:

Please join us for our last neighborhood watch meeting of the year. December 3 at 7 p.m. at the cottage. We would also like to invite you to our first quarterly potluck neighborhood watch meeting at the cottage. Please bring a covered dish. We will start the meal at 6. At 6:30 there will be children's safety demonstration by Officer Thomas. All are welcome!



In all cases, neighbors are reminded to call 911 for any suspicious activity and allow law enforcement to handle the situation.

GNA Holiday Party

Saturday, December 13th at the cottage at 5:30 p.m.

GNA December monthly meeting will be at 5 p.m. to elect new GNA officers. For all other December GNA business, a Special Meeting will be held at 6:00PM on the 4th Monday.

There will be a visit from Santa Claus at 6p.m. until about 6:45 p.m. GNA will provide 20 pounds of smoked turkey from Barnes Catering and two large hams which we'll heat up in the cottage. Neighbors please bring rice, dressing, veggies, etc. of your choice. Soft drinks will be provided by the GNA. All other beverages are BYOB.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Those willing to help with decorations, table/chair setup, and cleanup, please contact Tommy Daniels by December 1st. Call 912 944 0998 or email gordonstonna@gmail.com with "Holiday Party" in the Subject Box.

All Gordonston residents are welcome to join us. The charge for Gordonston residents who are not GNA members and for guests of GNA members is \$5 per adult and \$5 per child age 10 and over. Pay upon entry - correct amount of cash please or checks payable to GNA. No charge for for GNA-member households.