Alabama-West Florida Conference Wesley Heirs Spring 2019 Newsletter

Marking Time

Greetings Wesley Heirs and Friends,

2019 is now well under way and soon it will be time for our spring gathering (March 12-13) at Blue Lake. Hurricane Michael rudely interrupted our fall gathering and left us with unfinished business. I am getting really excited about this gathering. Monette has been able to get Sean Dietrick, "Sean of the South", to be our entertainment Tuesday night at 6:30 PM. The executive committee has opened his performance to the public so anyone who wishes to just hear Sean pays \$15, and \$25 to eat supper and hear Sean. Guests are also invited to join us for the entire gathering, Tuesday 10 AM to 1 PM Wednesday, but must make reservations with our registrars, Dianne and Curtis Smith, email at: ed1963@hughes.net or call (251) 675-7835.

The Memorial Celebration on Wednesday is very important as it has been a year since we have been able to remember our sisters and brothers who have gone home ahead of us. The choir will be under the direction of our new director, Julia Fitzpatrick, who has so kindly agreed to step in and lead. The Memorial Celebration is being moved up to 10:30 so we won't be rushed.

While our first official gathering will be Tuesday, March 12 at 11:30, you are encouraged to join us Monday night for fellowship and games. Join us for a dutch treat supper at "Gator's" in Baker at 5 PM. (Note two nights reservation when you register.) Blue Lake will serve breakfast Tuesday morning. Everyone brings snacks to share, healthy and otherwise, homemade and store bought. Make your room reservation as soon as possible with our registrars. Registration information may be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Our official 26 hours together is filled with fellowshipping, catching up, worship, eating, games, entertainment, a little business and Holy Communion at 8 AM on Wednesday. Our group of brothers and sisters is very loving and supporting, especially if you or your spouse has gone home before you. Please encourage the retirees you make contact with to come join us in our spring gathering.

Our Wesley Heirs Annual Conference Dinner will be at Frazier on Monday, June 4 at Noon. If you are from out of town like me, you may be looking for accommodations. Last year I stayed at the Quality Inn on Carmichael for about \$75 a night and have reservations for this year. I called them direct and spoke to the young lady about the lowest rate possible. Their direct number is (334) 396-6300.

Mark Stewart, President

See you at Blue Lake!!!!

Not to be Missed – "Sean of the South"

The Wesley Heirs is excited to have "Sean of the South" join us on Tuesday, March 12 at Blue Lake. He will providing the program for us that evening, so you will not want to miss this opportunity. Sean Dietrich is a columnist, and novelist, known for his commentary on life in the American South. His work has appeared in *Southern Living, Good Grit, The Tallahassee Democrat, South Magazine, Yellowhammer News*, the *Bitter Southerner, Thom Magazine, The Mobile Press Register,* and he has authored ten books. A mediocre sailor and fisherman, a biscuit connoisseur, and barbeque competition judge, when he's not writing, he spends much of his time aboard his fourteen-foot fishing boat (The S.S. Squirrel), along with his coonhound, Thelma Lou.



Spring Retreat Schedule	REGISTRATION FORM
Tuesday, March 12	Registration Deadline is February 26, 2019
10:00 Registration 11:30 Gathering	NAME (S)
12:00 Lunch/Dinner	ADDRESS
1:00 Executive Committee Meeting 5:00 Choir Practice (all are welcome)	CITY
5:30 Supper 6:30 Program – "Sean of the South"	STATE ZIP
	PHONE
<u>Wednesday, March 13</u> 8:00 Holy Communion	EMAIL
8:30 Breakfast 10:30 Memorial Celebration Service	
12:00 Lunch/Dinner	Double Occupancy=\$45/person; \$90/couple
	Single Occupancy=\$60/person
Treasurer's Report	Campers=\$31 for meals/person. In addition, campsite
Bank Balance at ending of fall meeting\$1,107.86Deposits from Registration & Offering2,653.50TOTAL\$3,701.36	charges are paid directly to WESLEY HEIRS. (Meals not eaten are deducted.)
Disbursements:	Monday Night=\$31 plus \$2 ground fee/person.
Blue Lake assembly for fall registration\$250.00Myrtice Carr for door prizes19.95Fay Tisdale75.00	Registrar to assign same gender roommates if available with double occupancy rate.
Dan & Julia Fitzpatrick (program)200.00Blue Lake United Methodist Assembly1,623.50	()Assign same gender roommate
Invoice for fall meeting TOTAL \$2.168.45	() Single Occupancy requested
Bank Balance 01/31/19 TOTAL \$1,807.91	() Double Occupancy requested
Check for \$200.00 to the Fitzpatrick's was returned to the	() Camper registration
Wesley Heirs uncashed with a note of thanks. Check for \$75.00 to Fay Tisdale never came through bank	() Check if downstairs room required
statement. She may not have cashed it, and I do not have an address or phone to check with her.	() Check if upstairs rooms with queen bed preferred
	() Check if wheelchair required
Note From Judy Hust	() Special Diet
I want to thank all my Wesley Heirs friends for	DIABETIC YES() NO()
supporting me as I played the piano at Blue Lake Retreats. I loved doing it and was so appreciative of your	
compliments each time. I was recently presented a certificate of appreciation by Monette Walker on behalf of	Please make retreat checks payable to WESLEY HEIRS. Show breakdown here & on check. Send registration with payment to:
the Wesley Heirs for my years of service. Bill recently turned 89 years old. His memory is not as	WESLEY HEIRS
good, his steps are slower, arthritis is bad, and esophagus is not good. Along with his heart condition and other	DIANNE & CURTIS SMITH POST OFFICE BOX 400
problems, he is doing as well as he can at this time. He	CREOLA, AL 36525
recently had a bad fall and is now using a walker. I feel I should not leave him at night. I am sure all of you	(251) 675-7835 aurtiaanddianna@amail.aam
understand that. Glenda Bryant is a good pianist and I know you will	<u>curtisanddianne@gmail.com</u>
support her as you did me. She and Julia will make a good	 () Registering Scholarship Recipient (provide name & contact information above)
music team for the Wesley Heirs. I love all of you and will miss being with you. I will come again when I can work it	Spouses of Memorial Celebration are guests of the
out here. Blessings and love to all, Judy Hust	Wesley Heirs, but please register.
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Please call on us with your concerns & needs.

We Remember

Edna Ruth "Boots" M. Scarborough (George) April 21, 2018 Ouida M. Anthony (James, Jr.) April 22, 2018 Jane H. Bennett (Larry, Sr.) June 6, 2018 James L. Waters, Jr. June 10, 2018 Ron MacBeth (Janie) June 11, 2018 Thomas E. Rimmer July 26, 2018 Marjorie P. White (Emmett) July 31, 2018 Alton E. Moore, Jr. August 18, 2018 Rev. Larry L. Lambert September 1, 2018 Juanita N. Brown (Jake) September 11, 2018 Ruby D. Coulliet (Carl) September 16, 2018 Lanette T. "Lennie" Cain (J. Candler, Jr.) September 28, 2018 Rev. James H. McDonald October 1, 2018 Rev. Marguis M. Wingard November 10, 2018 Rev. Danny W. Rogers November 15, 2018 Rev. Steven A. Rascoe November 17, 2018 Rev. James N. Love December 8, 2018 Rev. Malcolm L. Roberts December 8, 2018 Rev. John A. Sanders December 9, 2018 Rev. Ben Sawada December 21, 2018 Nancy M. Rice (Herbert, Jr.) December 25, 2018 Rev. Glenn A. Butler December 26, 2018 Rev. Edna H. Love (James) January 16, 2019 Rev. Larry D. Mosley January 20, 2019 Rev. Robert B. Ryan January 21, 2019 Mrs. Marilyn P. Zeigler (Fred) January 21, 2019 Rev. James T. "Tom" Terry January 31, 2019 Rev. Edward M. Cotton February 6, 2019

These Wesley Heirs will be remembered during the Memorial Service Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 10:30 AM. Family and friends are invited to attend the Memorial Service as guests of the Wesley Heirs, but must register using the Registration Form on page 2.