



# NOW YOU KNOW

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## **Come one, come all!**

Please join us on Thursday, January 16, from 5:30 - 7 pm at the History Center for our 2014 Annual meeting! We'll of course be electing new board members and officers for 2014, but you'll also hear about the great things that happened in 2013 and get the first notice of the great year we have planned for 2014. After this brief meeting, please enjoy some wine and light refreshments while you visit the Freedom Garden, our exhibits, or see the new (and upcoming!) improvements to the White Path Cabin.

Please RSVP by January 14 to [rphillips@brenau.edu](mailto:rphillips@brenau.edu) or call [770-297-5900](tel:770-297-5900). We'll see you there!

As per our by-laws, we are pleased to announce our new slate of officers for our Board of Directors and our new Board members for 2014.

The officers are as follows:

President– Jeff Pierce

Vice President– Cathy Herdener

President-Elect– Jeff Whalen

Secretary– Cleda Locey

Treasurer– Dick Childers

The new Board Members are as follows:

Martha Jacobs

Chris Slate

Cheryl Vandiver

Sandra Williams



## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

How many people can say that they've done everything they wanted to do?

Evelyn Williams can say that.

She wanted to become a registered nurse; she wanted to travel to foreign countries; she wanted to ski and hike and even pilot a small plane; she wanted to help foster children; she wanted to continue working past 65; she wanted to live in a town like Gainesville.

She has done all of those things.

"I've been fortunate," she says. "I've been able to do a lot of things. I am truly blessed, mostly with my children. They're the best part of my life." She has three daughters, one son and five grandchildren.

And the history center is fortunate because she decided to become a volunteer. She works on the desk, in the museum shop, and with Family Day. She has even served as a docent.

Evelyn had lived in Gainesville for several years before she heard about the history center. After she visited, she decided to volunteer.

"The history part of it is great," she says. "It goes back to the Indians and the first Lacrosse game. But Family Day is a wonderful addition. And the most wonderful thing is that the ophthalmologist (Dr. Jeff Payne) sponsors Family Day. Some folks wouldn't come if they had to pay."

Evelyn moved from Atlanta to Gainesville 15 years ago. She was 65, and she'd actually thought about slowing down. She worked with a company that handled worker's compensation cases, and once she was assigned a case—finding out medical needs after someone had an accident at work—she stuck with that case. So it was hard to slow down. She continued working, sometimes traveling 1,000 miles a week, until she was 77. That was three years ago.

"I loved my job," she says.



Piloting small planes started in Perry, Fla., after her then-husband, a medical doctor, took up flying to get to golf courses on weekends. Evelyn decided she should learn to fly in case something happened to her husband during a flight. She got her license and did a lot of flying on her own.

She and her husband traveled internationally, but Evelyn's travels picked up after one of her daughters became an expatriate, teaching social studies and computers in American international schools in foreign countries. She's now in Morocco, and, not surprisingly, Evelyn plans a visit soon. She also visited her daughter in Kenya, Tanzania, and Croatia.

Besides her history center duties, Evelyn volunteers with Safe Havens, a program sponsored by the Presbyterian church that helps foster children bond with their biological parents once the courts approve of reconciliation. She is a member of the Lanier Women's Club and First Presbyterian Church of Gainesville.

She also plays a lot of bridge.

"I do pretty much what I want to," she says, "but not as much as I did when I went skiing and hiking and all those things."

We understand, Evelyn. You've slowed down to a fast walk. And we're delighted you walk into the history center every time you're scheduled. We appreciate what you do.

# Family Day:

Sunday, January 12, 1 to 4 p.m.

## Return to the decade of *The 1970's!*



- ◇ Learn about significant events and people who affected Northeast Georgia, the state, nation, and world through interactive exhibits and hands-on activities.
- ◇ View a timeline of key events of the decade and test your recall or trivia knowledge of music, entertainment, food and more through interactive exhibits.
- ◇ See classic 1970's automobiles from the collection of Jay Andrews, local media personality.
- ◇ Try your hand at classic 1970's crafts.
- ◇ Special visit by Star Wars Storm Troopers also on the program—great photo op!

*Family Day sponsored by North Georgia Eye Clinic and Laser Center*

## Forum

Our first forum on 2014 will be on Tuesday, January 14th at 7:00 p.m. The topic will be “*The 1828 Gold Rush in White County*” and will be presented by John Erbele, Director of Smithgall Woods State Park and Hardman Farm State Park. Admission is free for members and \$3 for non-members.

## Special Thank You's:

The December 8 Family Day was well-attended—approximately 400 visitors and volunteers. The Family Day Committee extends our deep appreciation to the following:

Avocado's Restaurant and Albert Lunalove—donation of wine corks for crafts; volunteers and members—donation of wine corks, toilet paper rolls, used cd's and dvd's, washers, spray paint, and refreshments; Hall County Re-cycling Center—donation of 2 liter bottles for crafts; Hall County Master Gardeners Program—donation of peat pots for crafts; volunteers and members who prepared crafts for assembly and volunteered on Family Day; Enota Show Choir, directed by Sheila Rogers and Rebecca Gooble—performance of Christmas music; and North Georgia Eye Clinic and Laser Center for their ongoing sponsorship of Family Day.



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The Northeast Georgia History Center is a not-for-profit institution dedicated to preserving and sharing the history of the region. By maintaining a unique collection of historical items, presenting exhibits, conducting programs, enabling research, and partnering with other institutions in the region, the History Center strives to promote a greater understanding of the cultural, social, economical, and political history of Northeast Georgia.

**Coming Events**

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| <b>January 1</b>  | <b>Closed</b>         | <b>Happy New Year</b>                           |
| <b>January 12</b> | <b>1:00-4:00</b>      | <b>Family Day-Return to the 1970's</b>          |
| <b>January 14</b> | <b>10:00 a.m.</b>     | <b>Executive Comm. Meeting</b>                  |
|                   | <b>7:00 p.m.</b>      | <b>Forum—The 1828 Gold Rush in White County</b> |
| <b>January 16</b> | <b>5:30-7:00 p.m.</b> | <b>Annual Meeting</b>                           |

**Honorariums & Memorials**

In Honor of Carolyn Jacobs

By Mr. & Mrs. R.D. Wilson

In Honor of Doug and Kay Ivester

By Dr. & Dr. John Burd

In Honor of Ed and Randi Parks

By Dr. & Mrs. Louis Spear

In Honor of Dr. Jack & Dr. Pat Burd

By Mr. & Mrs. Philip Wilheit

In Honor of Dr. & Mrs. J.D. Mixon

By Mr. & Mrs. John Mison

In Honor of Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Parks

By Mr. & Mrs. Ed. Parks

In Memory of Mr. Homer Wilson and Mr. Bill Wilson

By Mrs. Edna Wilson and Linda Cornett

In Memory of Gloria Molloy

By Katherine Rogers