

# Huntsville Retirees Gazette



*Huntsville Chapter TRA • The Retirees Association • Normally Second Tuesday • 11:30 • Red Lobster*

LUNCH TIME AGAIN IN DIXIE Some go some don't. If you wish, join us (or me) this Tuesday August 11, 11:45, Red Lobster, for lunch with appropriate seating, we continue trying. Attendance April-July was 12, 1, 2, and 3. We continue to grow there's no stopping us. Cough cough.

HELLO FROM MEMBER SHUT-INS: Take a look online and read comments sent in many from those you have not heard from in a while, an entertaining few minutes. This is found online: Type in your browser like Google, "Huntsville retirees TRA" or similar and whallah. Open our website, Click bottom says **CLICK HERE TO OPEN** etc. then a password is needed. The password is **TRAHSV** all caps. Then review lots of messages received over past-sequestered months. If you wish to reply to that individual I can provide their address, if you wish to add a hello to all and your happenings, I shall forward your greeting, Thanks to Bob Hoffman our web master.

A DRIVE AROUND BOOM TOWN, a safe highly entertaining activity, there are air filters in cars, lots new to see in booming Huntsville. Growth increasing I think to about 10% last year. There are now waiting lists for new homes and apartments, going up all over.

## NEW STRUCTURES

- New curved front tall hotel between Russell Erskine and VBC also new "Mars" theater says Rhythm in front.
- Redstone Credit Union glass tower downtown is amazing, sort of behind the downtown library
- Apparently an addition to the new boutique hotel AC across from Big Spring Park.
- New tall hotel Element at Bridge St Mall is open
- New Hyatt Place Hotel near Bridge St Mall and Northrop Grumman tower.
- New project with hotel being readied in vacant space near Mem Parkway and Holmes Ave underpass behind VBC.
- A new large library center going up where Grissom High used to be on Baily Cove
- New housing developments and apartments many places, thousands of new homes behind sort of, Wal Mart South Parkway. Also off of Ditto Landing Parkway, even on Green Mountain and especially at Big Cove and Hampton Cove eastern Huntsville areas and all around Redstone in Madison and Huntsville.
- Visit Greenbrier BBQ now in Huntsville only it didn't move, Huntsville extends to I65, and also across the river into Morgan County, and keeps annexing, I think now passing Chicago in area. Across from Greenbrier view about a mile? Long new auto factory, plus at least two large Japanese owned auto parts supplier manufacturers. Two separate unrelated car brands will be made here, Toyota and Mazda sharing a building/cafeteria etc, I believe not car truture, with separate manufacturing lines. Thousands being hired not open yet except for robot etc. installing.

- Nearby drive into Polars, their vehicle products are displayed an interesting side venture.
- Near I65 off Greenbrier Road one of the most amazing things, the Target Southern States distribution center is gigantic, maybe 60? Truck docks being loaded/unloaded on each side of a huge square building, very very busy place.
- On Explorer Blvd in Research Park West find a brand new 400,000 sq ft! Blue Origin rocket factory (from Jeff Bezos of Amazon.com) an impressive site very large, hiring soon.
- Let me know other things to do and see in Huntsville area for the hard-of-mobility shuts in. Or shut-ins? Corps martial? Why do these s's get lost?
  - o Rumor squelched. It is not true TVA will soon flood Birmingham in order to provide water power generation for Huntsville, that is rumor I made up thinking it's funny. But, TVA isn't very funny and I for one hope it is soon dismantled beyond its use-by.
  - o Speaking of just cleaned out my cupboards updating the kitchen the champion food container obsolete date – 2004! A prize to anyone finding an older use-by date other than on myself.

#### OBSERVATIONS

- It's August, isn't this the month to change or wash your mask? Or is that September? I forget.
- Finally used up all the food and supplies we hoarded? I may be down to 6 cans of chicken. My last 43 masks. Need one? Or five?
- Did you happen to see, a house on Garth Rd near Carl T Jones, overlooking Linden and Jones Valley Park, was hit by a huge tree last week, and the house has now been razed. Quite a mess. Watch out for old big trees by you. We experienced this once (no wind) ours fell across a neighbor's yard just missing their stuff, it's not fun. Check out your area big old trees they and large branches are called widow makers.
- Send in your COVID tasteful non-jokes to share what else is there to do? Aside from that. Will see you or think of you next Tuesday. The spitting for distance contest is cancelled at lunch this month only. Except with masks on. Which I can win by a nose.
- A serious note, not temporary higher prices but true inflation is on us due to world-wide money printing to pay for virus costs and unemployment increases. This devalues money and increases prices. Do consider this situation if on fixed income might buy a new car now not next year, or watch investments etc.
- Hope all are well. Many fast virus tests report incorrectly per 31 News, don't panic if you feel good.

See you or not this Tuesday, Red Lobster, 11:45.

Coming: In about 4 years, a total eclipse of the sun, seen between Austin and San Antonio. In about 5 years, Huntsville will pass Birmingham in population, HSV is now number 2 in AL

CONTEST QUESTIONS Answers below. Winner will get ftwqmcps!

1. What do the following people have in obvious common? Elvis Pressley, Marisa Pavan, Scarlett Johansson, Kiefer Sutherland, Aston Kutcher. Pier Angeli.
2. What do these three movies/plays have in common? Life With Father, Auntie Mame, Unsinkable Molly Brown. This was asked before.
3. What is the name of the newly merge-formed fourth largest world automobile maker?
4. Who was president when Huntsville began?
5. What city is the first capital of Louisiana?
  1. *These stars are/were twins. Pier Angeli and Marisa Pavan are twin sisters.*
  2. *All are essentially true stories.*
  3. *Stellantis Group. (Peugeot, Jeep, Chrysler, Dodge, Ram, Fiat, Alfa-Romero, Maserati, Lancia, Vauxhall, Opel, Buick Cascada) Consider Peugeot the lead.*
  4. *John Hunt was a major settler in this area (of Mississippi) in 1809 Thomas Jefferson was president. The area was formalized first as Twinckenham then as Huntsville, by big planter Leroy Pope, in 1809 by then James Madison was president and the MS county Madison.*
  5. *Mobile. This is also where Mardi Gras began and still exists the Mardi Gras museum in Mobile is a hoot!*