

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Putney Receives Outstanding Georgia Citizen Award



State Senator Lester Jackson presents James Putney with the Outstanding Georgia Citizen Award.

James Putney was presented with the Outstanding Georgia Citizen Award on November 9, 2009 by Senator Lester Jackson, and signed by Secretary of State Karen Handel. Putney serves as District Director of Georgia's PTA's 6th District, which encompasses 13 counties. Putney has held the position for three years, and was recognized for his time and efforts as an advocate for the children of Georgia.

M. L. King, Jr. Observance Day Association Annual Theme Contest

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance Day Association has opened up its contest for themes for the 31st Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration. The contest is open to all students in grades 4-12. The theme should focus on the philosophy of Dr. King, and should not exceed more than 10 words. Deadline for themes submissions is December 1, 2009. Please submit themes to:

M. L. King, Observance Day Association, Inc.
Attn: Education Committee c/o Mrs. Margaret J. Williams
1206 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. - Savannah, GA 31415

For additional information call (912) 236-5000 or (912) 234-5502 Mrs. Margaret J. Williams-Chairperson-Education Committee, Mrs. Carolyn S. Blackshear-President.

Check with your school or your church for additional applications.

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The Salemites in Concert at New Salem Community Fellowship Church



The Salemites

New Salem Community Fellowship Church, Inc. Presents in Concert: The Salemites. The concert will benefit the "Daughters of Divine Destiny". This great event will take place on Friday, November 20th at 7:30 pm. Special Guest soloist for the evening will be Sister Dana Hicks Cutter Of Growing In Grace Ministries. New Salem Community Fellowship Church, Inc. is located at 115 West 40th Street. Please join us for a spirit filled time as we sing praises unto the Lord! Nathaniel Small, Sr., Pastor & Organizer.

STC nursing students Recognized at Annual Conference in Macon

Two junior Savannah Technical College nursing students were awarded BYRD/MIZE scholarships from the Georgia Licensed Practical Nursing Association (GLPNA) at its annual conference in Macon on Monday, November 2. Chosen were Kathy Utterback and Tamisha Pratt, both of Savannah. The women were selected based on a statewide competitive process based on academic excellence and a personal essay. They will receive \$250 each and a one-year student membership in the GLPNA. Another STC student, Shavon Campbell, also of Savannah, delivered the keynote address to the conference and encouraged all in attendance to persevere and never give up on your goals. The STC nursing program has been recognized for its excellence in preparing students for the LPN certification exam (NCLEX-PN).

Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan 'Open Season' Now in Session

Hunting season is upon us; time to set your target for the Medicare prescription drug plan that's best for you. Newly eligible Medicare beneficiaries, and current beneficiaries who are considering changes to their Medicare Part D plan, should mark their calendars for November 15. The "open season" will run from November 15 to December 31. The Medicare Part D prescription drug program is available to all Medicare beneficiaries to help with the costs of medications. Joining a Medicare prescription drug plan is voluntary, and participants pay an additional monthly premium for the coverage. While all Medicare beneficiaries can participate in the prescription drug program, some people with limited income and resources also are eligible for "extra help" to pay for monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments. The extra help is worth an average of \$3,900 per year. To figure out whether you are eligible for the extra help, Social Security needs to know your income and the value of any savings, investments, and real estate (other than the home you live in). To qualify, you must be receiving Medicare and also have: income limited to \$16,245 for an individual or \$21,855 for a married couple living together. Even if your annual income is higher, you still may be able to get some help with monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments. Some examples where your income may be higher include if you or your spouse; support other family members who live with you; have earnings from work; or live in Alaska or Hawaii; and resources limited to \$12,510 for an individual or \$25,010 for a married couple living together. Resources include such things as bank accounts, stocks, and bonds. We do not count your house or car as resources. You can complete an easy-to-use online application for the extra help at www.socialsecurity.gov. Click on Medicare on the top right side of the page. Then click on "Apply for help with Medicare prescription drug plan costs." To apply for the extra help by phone or have an application mailed to you, call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) and ask for the Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs (SSA-1020). Or go to your nearest Social Security office. And if you would like more information about the Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Program itself, visit www.medicare.gov. So this open season, hunt for something that could put \$3,900 in your pocket - bag the best Medicare prescription drug plan for you and see if you qualify for the extra help through Social Security.

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