



# Hoover Historical Happenings

September-October 2013

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## BOARD MEETINGS

- Sept. 10 , 10 AM, Artists on the Bluff
- November 12 10 AM, Artists on the Bluff
- January 7, 2014 ,10 AM, Artists on the Bluff
- March 4, 2014 10 AM, Artists on the Bluff
- May 6, 2014 , 10 AM, Artists on the Bluff

## GENERAL MEETINGS

September 17, 1:30 PM at the Cafetorium, Artists on the Bluff; November 19, 2013 & January 21, 2014, as well as other General Meeting locations and times: TBA.

## A Letter from our President...

Dear Members:

Where did the summer go? When I was at Orange Beach recently, the catch phrase was "100 Days of Summer." Our HHS break was longer than that, but passed quickly. Some of our Officers and Board members have been very busy with plans for the new club year.

Several of our newer members have stepped up to Society responsibilities. It is always good to get involved in work for the group you are supporting--that way you can learn a lot about the club and bring along some new ideas. You probably have noticed we have a new editor, Debbie Burtnett, for the newsletter, *Hoover*

### *Historical Happenings.*

Debbie is a bundle of energy. She accepted double duties for the HHS-- Recording Secretary and Newsletter Editor. Debbie is assisted by Sharon Jones in getting our newsletter distributed. Pam Thompson, another of our newer members, is First VP/Programs. She has some excellent speakers scheduled. Some of their topics are on subjects we have not previously covered. Please plan to attend our meetings and support these programs!

The list does not stop there. Eileen Lewis is Hospitality Chair. In addition, she and others of the Monte D' Oro Neighborhood Association are working with Tom Laggy to

get a historical marker for their neighborhood. Eileen and her husband, Michael, will host our Spring Membership Tea. Thank you, Barbara Clark, for getting people from your Neighborhood Association involved.

I certainly do not want to leave out the faithful who have continued with the positions in which they served last year--that brings continuity to our Society. Thanks loads!

Hope to see you at our General Meeting September 17 at 1:30 PM.

Inez McCollum,  
President



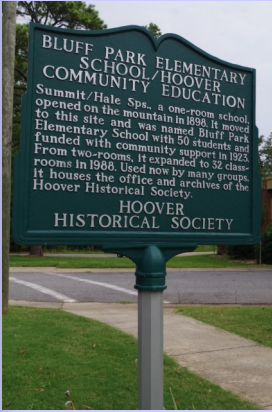
## Speakers scheduled to address HHS

First Vice-President Pam Thompson has lined up an impressive group of speakers for the Hoover Historical Society in 2013-14.

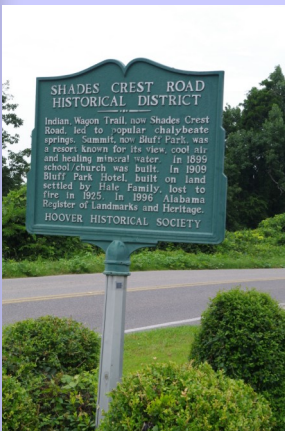
September's meeting features Dr. Pamela S. King, Associate Professor of History at UAB who addresses the topic of the Civil Rights Era and its impact on neighborhoods in Birmingham. This program, September 17, will be close to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Church bombing. September 17 is also Constitution Day—a good day to remember what our country means to us.

In November, Bill Hawkins of Gardendale presents "The Turkeytown Trail of Tears" re: the Cherokee Indians preparing to move on the 'Trail' to Oklahoma, and a love story.

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**CAFÉ OPENS:  
October 2013**



## Scheduled speakers for 2013-14

On January 21, Dr. Julie Williams, Samford University journalism professor, gives a dramatic presentation about her aunt who survived the sinking of the Titanic. She has written a book-- *A Rare Titanic Family* <http://www.amazon.com/Rare-Titanic-Family-Caldwells-Survival/dp/1588382826>.

On March 18, Ruth Cook of Sylacauga discusses "The Legacy and Magic of Marble" This will be just before the Marble festival next spring <http://www.bbcomerlibrary.net/marblefestival/> And, to finish up the year, the May 20 meeting features Niki Sepsas on the Greek Immigrants in Birmingham <http://www.nikiwrites.com/>. Please mark your calen-

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dars and save the dates for these impressive speakers!

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## New HHS Officers installed at May meeting



Hoover Historical Society's new slate of officers for the 2013-2014 club year are: (left to right): Jean Butterworth, Parliamentarian; Betty Bagby, Assistant Treasurer; Anita Dillon, Treasurer; Jim Lyons, Corresponding Secretary; Debbie Burtnett, Recording Secretary; Carolyn Kolar, Second Vice President, Membership; Pam Thompson, First Vice President, Programs; and Inez McCollum, President. The officers were installed on Armed Forces Day.

## Scholarships awarded to Hoover and Spain Park High

King Acura and the Henry King family proudly sponsored a scholarship on behalf of the Hoover Historical Society in 2013. The Committee selected Spain Park High School's Madison Luther, a *summa cum laude* graduate, for one of two scholarships awarded by the Society. Hoover High's Cailyn Flynn was also selected, see article below.

Miss Luther, an AP Scholar, wrote a winning essay about the Wright Brothers, "who sparked the worldwide drive to give humans the ability to fly." Naturally, Physics was her favorite subject. She enters Georgia Tech this fall to study aerospace engineering, after her successful high school career of academics, athletics, and volunteering for the community. In addition,

Madison worked part-time at two jobs. She earned her pilot's license in November 2012. Congratulations and best wishes as you begin your college years, Madison!



**Madison Luther of Spain Park High School**

## Scholarships awarded to top students

Miss Cailyn Flynn, daughter of Barry and Karen Flynn, was awarded an Historical Society scholarship for her philosophical essay on Truth using Ralph Waldo Emerson as a guide. Like Emerson and his personal losses, Cailyn experi-

enced the profound loss of her father. "I have extended and stretched my abilities and former self to gain maturity...as well as an appreciation for my past...I know myriads of challenges and adversities await me ... " Cailyn

has been involved in student government, service clubs, and the Ballet Conservatory. A track and field athlete, she hopes for a future in health care. Her scholarship was sponsored by Carlo and Diane Joseph.

**Cailyn Flynn  
will use her  
Vadie Honea  
Hoover  
Historical  
Society  
scholarship  
at Loyola  
University in  
New Orleans.**

## Scan the HHS QR code —see where it takes you!

QR codes (Quick Response Code) are becoming a familiar publicity symbol of the new age of social media and smartphones. To use, simply scan the large square of black dots on a white background

and read with a smartphone's camera and an app such as Red Laser or similar, and the phone will take you to the page that the code's information carries — such as directions to a location or

events happening at that place. The codes were developed from their use in the automotive industry in Japan and quickly adapted for other uses.



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## HOOVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

HHS membership dues are being collected now. The deadline was extended in August. So far, 100+ members have renewed their memberships. Membership includes access to our archives which contain information on historical houses, cemeteries, and family genealogies. Tours of our 1840s log cabin Folklore Center are offered several times a year. You can explore our time cabinets and visit our website.

<http://www.hooverhistoricalsociety.org/>

Members of HHS moved and installed the Crawford Fire Tower Cab on Chapel Road adjacent to Hoover Fire Station No. 2. A project for the coming year is to install an historical marker at the entrance to the Monte D' Oro neighborhood.

Join the Hoover Historical Society and check out our resources and volunteer in our library/archives or at the Folklore Center.

### Types of Membership

**Individual**    \$10  
**Couple**        \$20  
**Sustaining**   \$50  
**Patron**        \$100  
**Corporate**   \$150

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