

# Life

## New blog highlights local A&E happenings

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### CLUB BRIEFS

#### Announcements

The Piedmont Bird Club will meet at 7 p.m. April 17 at the Kathleen Clay Edwards Library, 1420 Price Park Road in Greensboro. Dennis Burnette will narrate a presentation on incorporating birding into family vacations and business trips, as well as on excursions devoted specifically to birding.

For information, call (336) 282-1447 or visit [www.piedmontbirdclub.org](http://www.piedmontbirdclub.org).

The club has planned several field trips for April: **6 Saturday: Whitesboro Farm.** Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the parking lot of Kennedie Middle School, 3600 Drawbridge Parkway in Greensboro, for car pooling. Leader: Carolyn Allen, (336) 283-3045 or [texallannc@aol.com](mailto:texallannc@aol.com).

**6 Sunday: Beaver Dam Trail, Plainfield Road.** Wear waterproof footwear. Bring drinks and snacks. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the paved parking lot on Plainfield Road. Register at least three days in advance with Lynn Moseley, 226-4353 or [lmoseley@guilford.edu](mailto:lmoseley@guilford.edu). Canceled if raining.

**6 April 17-20: Huntington Beach State Park and Georgetown, S.C., area.** Register and receive information from Emily Tyler, (336) 375-5770 or [et Tyler@triad.rr.com](mailto:et Tyler@triad.rr.com).

**6 April 26: Randolph County Preserve, 8:30 a.m.** at Jane and Craig Lawrence's preserve in Randolph County. Bring drinks, snacks and a contribution for the potluck lunch. Register at least a week in advance. Call the Lawrences at (336) 381-0555 or [jewelwingjane@gmail.com](mailto:jewelwingjane@gmail.com). Canceled if raining.

More than 150 female Republican leaders gathered at the National Federation of Republican Women's spring board meeting March 28-29 in Arlington, Va., to prepare for the 2014 elections.

Attendees — including Dena Barnes of Summerfield — heard from representatives of the National Republican Congressional Committee and the National Republican Senatorial Committee on the election landscape. The Republican State Leadership Committee participated in a panel discussion on outreach to women, youths and multicultural communities. Author and commentator Ben Shapiro spoke.

Guilford County Sheriff BJ Barnes spoke at the board meeting and installed the 2014-15 officers. Dena Barnes serves as NFRW member-at-large and director for Region 8.

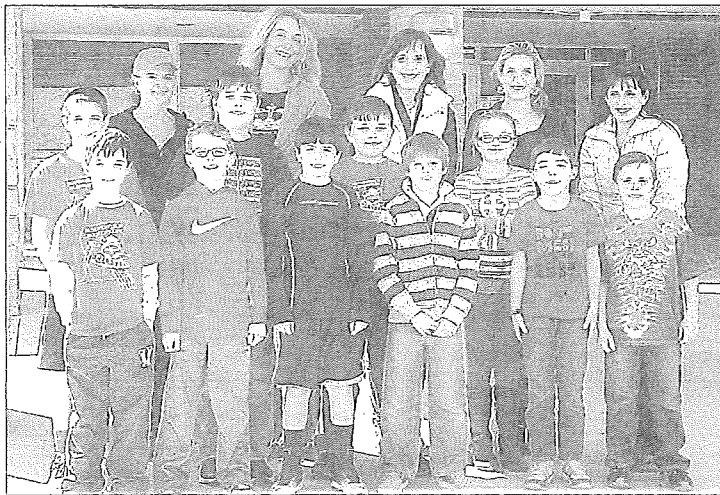
American Business Women's Association in Greensboro's 25th annual Women's Enrichment Symposium will be from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Deep River Event Center, 696 Millwood School Road in Greensboro. The cost is \$40. Visit [www.hops2adwa.org](http://www.hops2adwa.org).

### IT'S YOUR DAY

Luke Parker Mustian, son of Caleb and Brooke Mustian, Greensboro, is 1.

To submit a listing, send an email at least a week in advance to [birthdays@news-record.com](mailto:birthdays@news-record.com) with the person's name, birthday, town, age, school or job, parents' names for kids, most memorable birthday and favorite birthday dessert. Attach a JPG photo.

# HONORING OUR VOLUNTEERS



Lynna Williams DeVaney (back right) is president of Summerfield Elementary PTA and vice president of Northern Guilford Middle School PTSA.

For National Volunteer Week (April 6-12), we invited readers to honor local volunteers. We received 45 tributes, many of which we share here. You can see them all [www.news-record.com/life](http://www.news-record.com/life). These were edited for clarity and space.

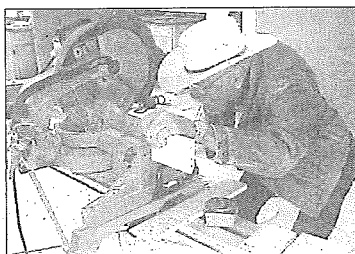
#### Roger Smith, Habitat for Humanity

Roger Smith has been volunteering on the core construction crew of Habitat for Humanity in Alamance County for nine years. Roger works every day to build Habitat houses and lead those who come to volunteer.

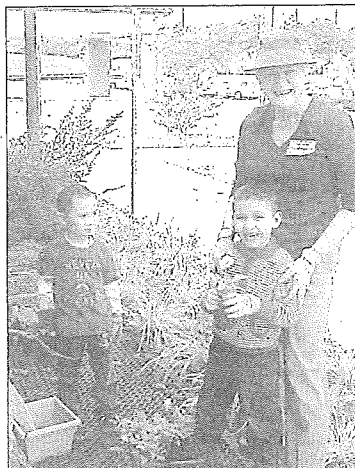
Roger started as a Habitat volunteer in 2000 when he and his wife, Shirley, lived in Sanford, so he is a 14-year veteran Habitat volunteer.

At 64, Roger is the most skilled miter saw operator at Habitat Alamance and one of the most dependable. He enjoys building relationships with the volunteers who help build houses, community and hope. "He loves it so much I can't talk him into taking a vacation," Shirley says. They even credit his robust health to his Habitat work.

—Cathy Lamb, Habitat for Humanity of Alamance County



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Jean Regan volunteers at Haynes-Inman Education Center, where the children affectionately call her "Ms. Jean" whenever she shows up to volunteer.

#### Lynna Williams DeVaney, Summerfield Elementary and Northern Middle

Lynna Williams DeVaney is the heart and soul of the entire Summerfield community.

Her passion is contagious, and her commitment is unwavering. She empowers others to become leaders. Lynna is in her second term as president of Summerfield Elementary's PTA, which has

over 30 active committees. She is also vice-president of the PTSA of NGSMS and president of Summerfield Recreation Association.

This year, Lynna created Partners Advocating for Northern Schools, a grass-roots organization uniting the northwest area's schools, PTAs, PTSSAs, PTOs, parents, staff and students. She is passionate about our public schools and will do anything to showcase them, pitch in where needed and lead by example with an unmatched energy and commitment.

—Danielle Elliott, Summerfield Elementary PTA Teague Foundation

The Teague family — Nancy, Tommy and Johnny Teague — has worked with Archer Elementary since 2008 with the Footed on Books Program.

Third- and fourth-grade students are paired with UNCG students, who are aspiring teachers. The students are treated to lunch and taken to Barnes & Noble, where they can shop for books. The students purchase the books with gift cards from the Oscar B. and Mossie S. Teague Foundation. Afterward, they get to read to their partners. It's an exciting experience, and everyone loves it.

—Tashena Cherry, social worker, Archer Elementary

#### Mary St. Germain, Well-Spring Retirement Community

Mary St. Germain has a gift for working with senior citizens — Memory Care residents, in particular. She comes faithfully every week and helps with art classes. Her patience, sense of humor, her understanding of is-

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## Gwen Atkinson, NCCJ

Gwen Atkinson, a counselor at Academy at Smith, has volunteered with the National

Conference for Community and Justice for more than six years. Gwen has been an Anytown adviser for two years.



Atkinson

She is committed to Anytown, a human-relations and leadership

institute based on inclusivity, respect and understanding.

Of all of the school counselors who help recruit for Anytown, Gwen sends the most delegates every year. She recruits her students, neighborhood kids, church kids — pretty much anyone she comes in contact with.

Gwen is a strong advocate for NCCJ because she saw the impact Anytown had on her son and because she sees the difference in her students once they return from camp.

—Ivan Canada, NCCJ

