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Great Reunion in Jacksonville

A special **Thank You** to Johnny and Marilyn Wells on a wonderful family reunion in Jacksonville, FL in September, 2001. The fishing, golfing, picnicking and fellowshiping was great, but the Hawaiian Luau was "tight". (For all over 18 years old, this means that the Luau was great.)

Trophies Awarded

The 2000 fishing trophy was awarded to Michael Avant of Silver Spring, MD. The beginner golf trophy went to Mary Crawford of Hillsborough, NC and the advanced gold trophy stayed with Bob Williams of Raleigh, NC. Congratulations to all of the winners.

Early Bird

Shirley Woods was the first to submit her registration this year. Thanks Shirley!

PROMOTIONS

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Open Letter From Robin

To my dear Family:

James 5:16 tells us "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much". I want to thank all of you for your fervent prayers during my illness. Thank you for praying for me and my parents. The Lord has brought us all through a difficult time. In 1998, I was diagnosed with a rare disease called Pulmonary Hypertension, which is high blood pressure in the lungs. My only symptom was shortness of breath. However, some days the shortness of breath was so severe, I would get tired walking from my bed to the bathroom. God is good though, and most days were pretty good as long as I paced myself.

When I was diagnosed, the doctors told me that there was no cure. They said that eventually my heart and lungs would fail and I would have to have a heart and lung transplant. As the doctor walked out of the room, my mother looked at me and smiled and said, "We don't accept that". There was no doubt in her mind that God had something in store for me. For the next two years they treated me with blood thinners and I felt pretty good as long as I didn't exert myself too much.

In January of this year, my doctor admitted me to the hospital for a simple cold that I had for 6 weeks. I couldn't get rid of it and he wanted to make sure I had not put any strain on my heart. I was admitted on a Friday and my regular cardiologist was not on call. The doctor who filled in for him advised me to ask my regular cardiologist about a doctor at Duke University who specialized in treating my disease. Upon my next visit, I asked my doctor and he said that he had called Duke University when I was first diagnosed and they didn't think the treatment would be effective for me due to the type of pulmonary hypertension. I left his office to return home. By the time I got home, he had called and left a message for me to call him back. When I called, he told me that after my visit, he decided to call again. In the two years since he had called the first time, Duke had changed the protocol for treatment and thought they might be able to help me with a new drug called Flolan. It is no coincidence that God sent that substitute cardiologist to start the next sequence of events. (See Robin—Page 2)

Six "Grands" to Graduate!

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Moore, Sr. are the proud grandparents of six grandchildren who have recently graduated from either high school or college. The month of May was a busy month for the family. The Lord has blessed Mr. and Mrs. Moore to be able to see the last two (out of 24 grandchildren) graduate from high school. Now they

are ready to see their great-grands march!

Mr. and Mrs. Moore are very proud of their recent grads, Li'Netha Goodman of Douglas, the daughter of Dave and the late Linda Williams and Willie "Rush" Williams, who graduated from

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I started the Flolan, which is an intravenous drug that must be administered 24 hours a day. A catheter was placed in my chest and I wore a portable pump to administer the medicine. The Flolan made a big difference in how I felt. A lot of people take little things like climbing a flight of stairs or walking to the mailbox for granted. I was grateful to be able to do these things without getting dizzy, wheezing or feeling like I am going to pass out. When I went for my one month follow-up after starting Flolan, my pulmonologist at Duke gave me the good news that I was in the small segment of people who can possibly be cured from pulmonary hypertension because it originated from blood clots which were still lodged in my lungs.

There are only five hospitals, in the world, that perform the surgery and my doctor wanted me to go to the University of California at San Diego where the surgery was pioneered. The Lord blessed me with wonderful co-workers who donated frequent flyer miles for me to fly to San Diego and they raised and donated \$940.00. The money helped with other expenses such as oxygen for the flight, medication, boarding for my dog and of course a fresh supply of underwear – a necessity for any planned hospital stay. I was mortified when I got caught at Duke with stretched out elastic on my panties. The nurse came to give me a shot that had to go in my stomach - I would rather have taken the needle in my neck than to lift up my gown and let her see the big bloomers I was wearing. So I made sure I was prepared for San Diego.

God promised us that if we delight ourselves in him that he would give us the desires of our heart. On July 20th, I had a surgery called a Pulmonary Thromboendarectomy (see article on page 4) The surgeons were able to successfully remove all of the clots from my lungs and my heart and lungs are back to normal with no long term damage to either. I've gone from having an incurable disease and needing a lung transplant to being cured. God is good all the time – all the time God is good.

I want to thank all of my immediate and extended family for everything you did. To my wonderful parents and Shirley Woods. Thank you for traveling to San Diego to be with me. You were there when I went into the operating room and you were there when I woke up. I love you and will always treasure your love for me. My deepest gratitude to all who called me, sent cards, flowers, food, and especially your prayers. Thank you and God bless you.

(Robin Williams is the daughter of Thomas and Gertrude Williams of Greeleyville, SC.)



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South Georgia College; Crystal Moore of Raleigh, NC who currently reigns as Miss Shaw University and who just graduated from Shaw University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and Chemistry. Crystal is the daughter of Pierce and Barbara Moore; sisters Amanda Wells and Cheryl Blackshear, the daughters of Johnny and Marilyn Wells, who both recently graduated from Jacksonville University in Jacksonville, FL; Stacy Moore, daughter of Robert and Linda Moore, who just graduated from Coffee High; and Maurice Lott, the son of Darryl and Clara Lott, who just graduated with honors from Coffee High.

When asked how they feel about their recent accomplishments, the grands all agreed they are elated. "After returning back to school as an adult, all I can say is all praises go to God. Also, I am thankful that the Lord enabled me to make the Dean's List each semester," says Li'Netha. Maurice says, "It feels great!" And for Stacey, she says, "I'm glad I graduated!"

We believe if all these students

revealed their feelings in a song, it would say, "*They said I wouldn't make it, they said I wouldn't be here today. They said I'd never amount to anything. But I'm glad to say, that I'm on my way, and I'm growing more and more each day. There were many that started out with me, but now they've gone astray. But I'm still holding on to His hand.*"

Our hats are off to all of you! We Love you!

With love from your parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and all your cousins.



Scholarships and Honors For Maurice Lott

Maurice Lott, son of Darryl and Clara Lott, Douglas, GA recently graduated from Coffee High School with honors. During his senior year he received several awards and scholarships. Among those received were "coaches award for tennis, 3- year letterman, NAACP for highest GPA among black males, NAACP essay winner, Building Bridges Scholarship, CCCUP scholarship, National Who's Who Among High School students. He will begin fall semester at Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA where he will major in Business Administration. Also their Daughter, Dorinda, began to further her education in January at South Georgia College, Douglas, GA where she is majoring in Education. The family is so very proud of both of them for their accomplishments.

MA Degree For Willington

Willington White III received his Masters Degree in Counseling Education in December, 2000. He is the son of Frances White of Summerville, SC.

(The following is a Press Release issued to local newspapers in Charleston and Dorchester Counties on June 24, 2001 by the National Youth Leadership Forum, Washington, DC.)

Chicago, IL—Recently, **Mr. Kevin Wade** of Summerville was accepted to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine (NYLF/MED), taking place in Chicago, IL from June 24 to July 3, 2001. NYLF/MED is a career development program for high school students who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership potential and an interest in medicine. Wade will join 350 other high school students from around the country.

Throughout the ten-day forum, MYLF/MED will introduce Wade to a variety of concepts in public health, medical ethics, research and general practice, including site visits to medical facilities and clinics. Students will be faced with Problem-Based Learning, an educational method familiar to most students in medical school, where they are presented with a set of patient symptoms and must come to a diagnosis and prognosis for the symptoms.

“The National Youth Leadership Forum provides an invaluable perspective for students who participate in our medical forum,” said Donna Weldin, executive director of NYLF. “The relationships we forge with health care facilities throughout the country provide these young people with an eye-opening experience, introducing them to the broad spectrum of medical careers.”

In addition to site visits to cutting-edge medical schools and clinical facilities, Wade will hear from and have the opportunity to interact with leaders within the medical field. Students have up-close personal contact with physicians, surgeons, researchers, scientists and medical educators as they go behind the scenes to view these professionals at work.

NYLF is a nonprofit educational organization that brings various professions to life, empowering outstanding high school students with the confidence to make well-informed career choices. In addition to forums on medicine, NYLF offers programs for students interested in law or national security. Since its inception in 1991, more than 50,000 young people have benefited from NYLF programming. For additional information, visit us on the Internet at www.nylf.org.

Gregory Williams Receives Scholarships

In February, Gregg placed 3rd in the state of Georgia in the Georgia Press College Association amongst Jr. Colleges for capturing the “Best Sports Photograph in the state of Georgia.” The recognition was received in Macon, GA. He graduated from South Georgia College with an Associate Degree in Computer Information Systems in July 2001. In August, 2001 Greg was awarded a Scholarship by National Association of Photoshop Professionals (NAAP) to attend Photoshop World East in Tampa, Florida in September 2001.

Pierce Moore III Completes Study

Pierce Moore III successfully completed electrical engineering school at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri on July 13, 2001. He is now stationed at Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, North Carolina.

Gloria Opens Residential Care Facility

Gloria Wade-Johnston of Summerville, SC opened the Evergreen Residential Care facility in Charleston, SC on December 1, 2001. In one month, the facility was 100% occupied with a waiting list. When one person leaves, God blesses her with someone waiting to fill the vacancy.

The facility can accommodate 9 residents. Because of the need for this type of facility, Gloria is presently looking to purchase a larger facility.

Markeith Wade to Attend College

Markeith Wade, Jr., son of Gloria Wade-Johnston and brother of Kevin Wade, is starting classes this fall at Chabot Jr. College in Hayward, CA. Markeith is interested in AutoCAD.

Births

When we left Jacksonville last year, **Marilyn and Johnny Wells'** daughter, **Cheryl**, was expecting her first child. We did not get any information for the newsletter, but we know that the baby is here. Congratulations Mr. & Mrs. Blackshear and proud grandparents!

Willie and Madeleine Ward welcomed their second granddaughter into the world on April 4, 2001. Gabrielle Michelle Ward was born to Leslie Ward and Denise Mosley and of course to her proud sister, Leslie Renee. Congratulations from the family.

Wedding Bells

James Edward Potts wishes to announce his engagement to Miss Wanda Jean Dorsey. The wedding is set for March 16, 2002.

Angel Moore and Craig Goodwin were proud to announce their engagement on February 22, 2001. The wedding will be held on July 13, 2002 in Savannah, Georgia. Family and friends are invited to share in this joyous occasion.

Promotions

Leslie Ward was promoted to Foreman of his unit, which is technical support for Time Warner Cable, Manhattan Division.

Françoise Ward was promoted to Assistant Vice President of JPMorgan Chase, in charge of the Customer Service Specialists for Latin America.

Leslie and Françoise are the children of Willie and Madeleine Ward.

Shannon Ray, surgical nurse, was promoted to Technical Sergeant in the Air Force. She has been reassigned to Langley Air Force Base in Virginia. Shannon is the daughter of Tom Williams of Charleston, SC.

Tom Williams, son of Thomas and Gertrude Williams, was promoted to Network Analyst at Triad Guaranty Insurance Corporation in Winston-Salem, NC.

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Brian Kelly, 6 ft. 1in. shooting guard for the Cardinals, a summer league team in Elk Grove, California, was instrumental in the success of the team this summer. He had three game-winning shots which lead the Cardinals to the Summer League Championship. Brian is the son of Debbie and P.J. Kelly and grandson of Mae and Arthur Williams.

Gia Williams graduated from eighth grade at the School of the Arts in North Charleston which is a school for high achievers. Gia is a freshman at the school this school term. Gia is the daughter of Tom Williams of Charleston, SC.

Brittany White, daughter of Darryl and Beverly White and granddaughter of Frances White, attended a 3-week SAT workshop at Benedict College in July, 2001.

Jessica Rivers, daughter of Austin Rampersad and granddaughter of Margaret Rampersad-Fludd, took a modeling course in Atlanta, Georgia this summer. She appeared in a fashion show at the end of the course.

Austin Rampersad has completed several courses toward his certification for AutoCAD Technician. He is presently enrolled in a class.

Phylicia Adelle Williams Scholarships Awarded

Jennifer and Jessica Moore, daughters of Sandra Moore of Sumter were awarded \$350 each on October 1, 2000. They are both attending The University of South Carolina.

All family members who graduated at the end of this school year and will be or are now attending an institution of higher learning are eligible to apply for the 2001 scholarship. Scholarship applications will be available in the Hospitality Room at the Holiday Inn Express in Sumter, SC. All applications are due on or before the last day of September.

Thanks

Thank you and God bless you to all who supported us with your prayers, your finances, your labor and any other support you gave during our trip to California to be with Robin during her surgery. As Robin said in her letter, "God is good all the time." A special thanks to Jeff who took care of the dogs and the house and plants and to Frank Young, a friend of Robin, who flew out to California, not only to see Robin but to help us drive back home.

Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

Tom, Gert, Shirley and Tyrieq

E-Mail Signup and Family Tree Update

There will be several sign-up sheets for e-mail address. Please make sure that you give us your e-mail address so that you can get up-to-the-minute news from the family and help us save on postage.

If your family information needs to be updated, please see Robin Williams. She will have the laptop ready to show you what we have and to update your information if necessary. She will be available Friday night at the Fish Fry, Saturday at the picnic and Sunday.

Thank you.

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News Release

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UW surgeon performs region's first surgery to clear lung arteries

The first surgery of its kind in the region, performed at University of Washington Medical Center, has given a once very ill 48-year-old Alaska man, who faced a lung transplant and/or potentially heart failure, a normal life expectancy and the hope of living a normal life. Fewer than a half-dozen surgeons worldwide perform the operation, which involves putting the patient in a sort of suspended animation.

The surgery involves removing obstructions to blood flow within the lung bed: 18 segmental branches of artery that themselves branch into two or three sub segments each. The removal of the obstructing plaque and clots must be completed in an hour or less. That's because the patient has to be chilled to about 64 degrees Fahrenheit and placed on a bypass machine. The heart and circulation are stopped in order to perform the surgery. Dr. Michael Mulligan, an assistant professor of cardiothoracic surgery, performed the pulmonary thromboendarterectomy (PTE). UW Medical Center becomes the third place in the nation to regularly offer this surgery. "It's technically a very demanding procedure, but the results are excellent and very satisfying. Many of these people come in on oxygen, and they're so breathless that they can barely walk from the kitchen to the bathroom. After the operation, most can go on to live essentially normal lives," Mulligan says.

People eligible for PTE suffer from a condition that may be hard to recognize and diagnose. That's because its symptoms such as shortness of breath, chest pain, fatigue, leg swelling and light-headedness mimic other, more common conditions. What's happened is that the

person has had a lung clot that, even if it has dissolved, has created rubbery scar tissue. This tissue attracts calcium plaque deposits throughout the lung bed, sometimes far away from the original clot. The presence of all that obstruction causes their right heart pressure to climb.

The technical term for this condition is pulmonary hypertension from chronic pulmonary emboli (PE). Patients may not be diagnosed until they have the most advanced symptom of the condition: right heart failure. Before the pulmonary thromboendarterectomy, the only treatment available was a lung transplant.

It's estimated that about 600,000 people in the United States develop pulmonary emboli annually. A small percentage will develop the spreading plaque. Doctors have learned through experience with PTE that it's not enough to clean out the main arterial branches in the lung; the surgeon must also clean plaque from the sub-branches that snake around the periphery of the lung. "You can't simply suction that material out. It's densely adherent. It has to be carefully surgically dissected free, and removed," Mulligan says. Mulligan uses a special instrument about 18 inches long, which ends in a tip about 2 millimeters wide. It has a little basket, like a scoop, that allows the surgeon to free the plaque from the artery wall, while a small suction tube clears out any blood that obscures the surgeon's vision, as it snakes up and down arterial walls. In order to control the profuse flow of blood that normally courses through the lungs, the patient must be cooled during the operation so that blood flow can temporarily be slowed.

Mulligan explains that the person survives this procedure for the same reasons as someone falling into an iced-over lake: the cold temperature slows metabolism to the point where the rate of oxygen use is greatly reduced, and the person does not need a lot of blood flow to vital organs. That's critical, since blood flow to the brain is greatly reduced during the operation. People whose lung bed has been cleared can

eventually resume normal activities. "It's not like one of those diseases where you treat it, but the person has already been so destroyed by the disease that it's taken years off their life," Mulligan says. "These people can go on to enjoy normal life expectancies. Many of them have trouble embracing this. They've been so ill that they are used to wondering day-to-day if they will survive at all."

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PHYLICIA ADELLE WILLIAMS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Moore Family Reunion
398 Carrols Road
Greeleyville, SC 29056
843-426-4365

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

HIGH SCHOOL _____

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION DATE _____

PRESENTLY ATTENDING COLLEGE AT _____

WILL ENROLL IN COLLEGE ON _____

WILL ENROLL AT (Name of College) _____

I certify that the above information is correct:

Applicant's Signature

Parent's or Guardian's Signature

Date

Send completed applications to Gertrude Williams at above address.

To be eligible for the scholarship, you must have graduated from high school the year prior to the family reunion and will be attending a four-year or two-year degree-granting institution or a technical school some time during the next school year. Please submit the application by September 30. **No applications will be accepted after that date.**