

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSIONER

Dear 2018 Honorees,

Welcome to the 36th Awards Ceremony for the Alabama Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. It is truly an honor to recognize a group of seniors who have contributed so much to improving the lives of older Alabamians.

The many achievements of the Hall of Fame Class of 2018 are truly remarkable. I offer my congratulations on their induction as permanent members to the Hall of Fame.

I also offer my congratulations to the recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Commendation and Special awards. These awards honor their incredible ongoing commitment to serving our communities.

Also recognized today are couples who have been married for 65 years or more and also individuals who are 100 years or older. I extend my sincere congratulations to all of those who have reached these wonderful milestones.

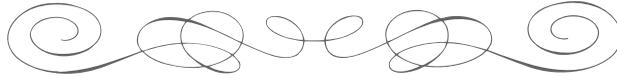
For all these honorees have achieved for their community and our state we say thank you!

Congratulations!

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Todd Cotton
Acting Commissioner
Alabama Department of Senior Services

TODAY'S PROGRAM



WELCOMING REMARKS

JERRY FIELDING, CHAIRMAN

SENIOR CITIZENS HALL OF FAME, CLASS OF 2015

INVOCATION

REV. KENNY HOOMES

ASSOCIATE PASTOR, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MONTGOMERY

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SPECIAL GUEST

TODD COTTON, ACTING COMMISSIONER

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR SERVICES

INSTALLATION OF PERMANENT MEMBERS

REMEMBERING HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

PRESENTATION OF LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL AWARDS

RECOGNITION OF SENIOR CITIZENS

MARRIED 65 YEARS OR MORE

100 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER

DISMISSAL TO RECEPTION

FELLOWSHIP HALL

SENIOR CITIZENS
Hall of Fame
CLASS OF 2018

ELIZABETH ANNE ADAMS
CLAYTON

BONNIE ATCHISON
COLUMBIANA

CHARLOTTE BOYLE
ATMORE

TOM DELONG
HUNTSVILLE

JAMES DUPREE, JR.
MONTGOMERY

HONORABLE VICTOR GASTON
MOBILE

HONORABLE CLARENCE GRAY PRICE
PRATTVILLE

JOHN CLYDE RIGGS
CAMDEN

ANNIE DORIS BRYANT ROBERTSON
GALLION

SHIRLEY K. SPEARS
SYLACAUGA

POSTHUMOUS
WILLIAM WARREN AARON
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TOM WHITE
MONTGOMERY

OUTSTANDING CENTENARIAN AWARD
DR. MILDRED K. DIXON
TUSKEGEE



Class of 2018
ELIZABETH ANNE ADAMS
CLAYTON - BARBOUR COUNTY

Anne Adams, from the south Barbour County community of Texasville, has been a leader in her county and has influenced and improved the lives of retired public employees from all walks of life.

Having worked for 33 years with the Alabama Legislative Reference Service, retiring as a legislative analyst, she is credited with drafting legislation that lead to benefit increases for state and local government retirees. She has also been instrumental in her retirement by working on behalf of local public board, city & county retirees for increases in their benefits. Since her retirement, she worked for over thirteen bonuses and cost-of-living increases for seniors retired from municipalities and the county.

She has served on the Alabama Retired State Employees' Association/Alabama Public Employees' Advocacy League (ARSEA/APEAL) Board as Vice President – South, has served 12 years as the President of the Barbour County Chapter of ARSEA/APEAL and the District 8 Council. Her legal knowledge and leadership has been an invaluable asset to the organization and seniors living in Barbour County.

She has served on the Wiregrass Resource Conservation and Development Council, the Wiregrass Mental Health Board and the Texasville United Methodist Church Administrative Board among others.

Having earned her Juris Doctorate (with honors) from Cumberland School of Law at the University of Alabama, Governor Fob James appointed her to serve an unexpired term as Probate Judge of Barbour County in 1997 and she served in that position until 2001.

Nominated by Lauren Hodge



Class of 2018
BONNIE ATCHISON
COLUMBIANA- SHELBY

Bonnie Atchison, an English, speech and drama teacher at Shelby County High School for 20 years, directed the school theater and still participates in local theater productions in Shelby County. She is a supporter of the Shelby County Arts Council (SCAC) and operates an outreach program covering Shelby County Schools, home schooled students, senior citizen centers and juvenile detention centers. Ms. Atchison served as the Director of the South Shelby Chamber of Commerce from 1993-2003 and as the curator for the Karl C. Harrison Museum of George Washington. She was President of the Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs (AFWC) which promotes a variety of community programs and activities.

Her home has been a centerpiece to display quilts for the Columbiana Quilt Walk which benefits women's and children's charities and the annual Cancer Survivor Dinner. She has worked with the American Legion and the Chamber of Commerce Veterans Day program, SafeHouse (domestic violence shelter) and is an annual contributor to Heifer International and the Backpack Buddies program which supplies weekend meals for at-risk students.

She has been a member of RSVP since 2014 and has logged 1718 hours of volunteer work. Ms. Atchison received the Gold Presidential Volunteer Service Award, the Women in American Revolution History Award from the Daughters of the American Revolution, was honored by a House Resolution presented by Representative Mike Hill, presented with a Key to the City by Columbiana Mayor, and April 2, 2013 was proclaimed Bonnie Atchison Day in Columbiana among other honors for her work with the community.

Nominated by Marvin L. Copes



Class of 2018
CHARLOTTE BOYLE
ATMORE - ESCAMBIA COUNTY

*M*rs. Charlotte Boyle's life is characterized by her service to others. She retired as a schoolteacher and then focused her passion on senior adults. She lends her talents, skills, and abilities to organizations that make life better for senior citizens. As a board member of several organizations, she has not only been a part of decisions that benefit seniors, but she ministers to seniors directly.

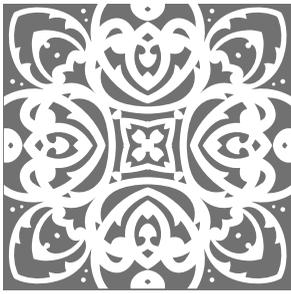
She served on the original board of directors of the Atmore Area Christian Care Ministry, a vital community organization that still provides assistance for needy families. Also, she is actively involved in the First Baptist Church of Atmore, serving on various committees and ministries as well as a senior adult Bible teacher for over 16 years.

Mrs. Boyle has served as a member of the advisory board for RSVP and as an executive committee member. She has been a part of ESGR since 1997, serving as an ombudsman for three years. She was chairman of the American Red Cross of West Escambia for ten years where she opened and supervised shelters and assisted with lodging and food for those in need during hurricanes. She has been a board member of the 911 Emergency Management System of Escambia County and a leader in the Retired Teacher's Association of Escambia County for over 29 years.

Mrs. Boyle continues to be a representative for Alabama District 66 in the Alabama Silver Haired Legislature. She often writes and presents resolutions that benefit senior citizens and regularly visits and speaks to seniors at various senior centers in her district.

She is a former Hall of Fame Lifetime Achievement Award recipient.

Nominated by A. J. Heritage



Class of 2018
TOM DeLONG
HUNTSVILLE - MADISON COUNTY

*M*r. DeLong has had an exemplary career with Tax-Aide and the AARP Foundation. He started as a Tax-Aide Counselor in 2005, became a District Coordinator in 2008, and in 2010 he added Electronic Return Originator duties. In 2013, he became State Coordinator and is now at the start of his third two-year term. As state coordinator, (basically a full-time, unpaid job) he oversees the entire state Tax Aide program – 40 Tax Aide sites and 300 volunteers who prepare more than 12,000 e-filed returns annually. When tax season is complete, Mr. DeLong immediately sets his sights on making improvements for the following year. Mr. DeLong says he does this all because he likes helping people and is satisfied when he can show them how to save money on their taxes.

Mr. DeLong exhibits superb leadership, interpersonal skills and personnel development capabilities throughout. He is a leader's leader, doing so with quiet, unassuming qualities.

In 2007 he began volunteering for the Driver Safety program as an instructor and trainer. A year later he was district coordinator. In 2009 he was appointed chief trainer and in 2010 he became a CarFit technician. Rounding out his contributions, he was appointed to a seat on the AARP Alabama State Executive Council member in 2013, and continues in that capacity today.

For over two years, Tom has continued his AARP activities while he successfully battles cancer. Mr. DeLong has enhanced the quality of life of taxpayers, drivers, and volunteers both directly and indirectly through the coordination of volunteer efforts in Alabama.

Nominated by Michael and Jane Moore



Class of 2018
JAMES DUPREE, JR.
MONTGOMERY - MONTGOMERY COUNTY

James Dupree, Jr. is a native of Birmingham and spent more than 25 years in juvenile justice, retiring in 1998 as the executive director of the Department of Youth Services. He has taught at Miles College, Troy University, Alabama State University and the University of Alabama Graduate School of Social Work. Since his retirement, he's worked as a contract lobbyist for the Bloom Group, Inc. in Montgomery.

As a member of the board of directors of the Alabama Retired State Employees' Association, he has served in an advisory capacity on legislative concerns. He served a term as President of ARSEA/APEAL in 2015-2016 during a time when out-of-state special interests began an effort to dismantle defined benefit retirement plans such as the Retirement Systems of Alabama. His knowledge and experience has been extremely beneficial to retired state and local government employees' who are in the state retirement system.

He continues to serve on a number of boards and committees, including the River Region Red Cross and the Alabama Youth Services. He was inducted into the Alabama Social Work Hall of Fame in 2016.

Nominated by Warner Floyd



Class of 2018
REPRESENTATIVE VICTOR GASTON
MOBILE - MOBILE COUNTY

Victor Gaston (Mobile) has over thirty-six years of supporting senior causes as a member of the Alabama House of Representatives. Prior to his election to the House in 1982, Representative Gaston excelled as a teacher and administrator in Mobile's public schools.

As a freshman legislator, Representative Gaston, encouraged by the late Dr. George Layton, a former member of the House of Representatives, decided to provide support for the resolution to create a hall of achievement for older Alabamians. Governor George C. Wallace signed Act 83-674 to create the Senior Citizen's Hall of Fame.

During the next decade, an era of much growth for the Alabama Retired Teachers' Association (now AERA- Alabama Education Retirees Association) and the newly formed Alabama Retired State Employees' Association, Representative Gaston supported several successful efforts to protect and shore up health and retirement benefit agencies. Gaston also gave strong support to Alabama creating the Silver-Haired Legislature and helped the organization receive a modest start-up appropriation.

The House of Representatives elected Victor Gaston Speaker Pro Tempore, on December 8, 2010.

He has served on several boards and advisory councils around the state and in the Mobile area. In all of these other capacities, he has assisted seniors with some of the most difficult obstacles that can keep them from living healthier and happier lives.

Nominated by Warner Floyd & Glenn Parker



Class of 2018
MAYOR CLARENCE GRAY PRICE
PRATTVILLE - AUTAUGA COUNTY

*I*n 1980, Mr. Price was elected as the Mayor of the City of Prattville. He served as Mayor until 1992. During his time as mayor, he supported programs for senior citizens. He served on the Board of the Central Alabama Aging Consortium (CAAC), including a term as board chair.

Following his term as Mayor, Mr. Price continued his education by taking post graduate courses in gerontology from Auburn University at Montgomery. He became a case manager for the Elderly & Disabled Medicaid Waiver program with CAAC in April of 1997.

Mr. Price was certified as Community Ombudsman in 1999. In that position, he was an advocate for those individuals who lived in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. In 2002, then Senator Jeff Sessions selected Mr. Price as a delegate to the White House Conference on Aging. In 2005, the Assisted Living Association of Alabama named him as the Ombudsman of the Year. Mr. Price went back to Washington in 2012 to meet with the Alabama delegation to request support for the Older Americans Act. He also worked with the Alabama legislature, including the monitoring of laws affecting the senior population, and getting bills introduced that would positively impact the populations served.

Gray Price has served on the Board at Huntingdon College and the Lighthouse Counseling Center. He continues to be active in his church, and civic organizations. He currently serves as a board member of Autauga, Elmore, Montgomery Seniors, Inc., continuing to work to improve the lives of the elderly in the state of Alabama.

Nominated by Susan Segrest



Class of 2018
JOHN CLYDE RIGGS
CAMDEN - WILCOX COUNTY

John Clyde Riggs has been the Executive Director of the Alabama-Tombigbee Regional Commission since December 1997. Prior to that time, Mr. Riggs held the position of Director of Development at ATRC for 15 years and Fiscal Officer for 7 years prior to that.

The Alabama-Tombigbee Regional Commission is a ten-county regional planning and development commission, providing services in economic development, community planning and technical assistance, aging programs, Medicaid waiver services and rural transportation.

Riggs is a native of Wilcox County. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Auburn University in 1972. He serves as a member of the National Association of Development Organizations, the Coosa Alabama River Improvement Association, is a member of the Economic Development Association of Alabama, served on the Technical Advisory Council for the Governor's Black Belt Action Commission, served as President of the Alabama Association of Regional Councils, National President of the Delta Regional Authority Development District, Deputy Co-Chair for Alabama Rural Action Commission, and Co-Chair of Region Six Workforce Development Council.

Riggs has been active in civic affairs as well as local politics. He has been a member of the Exchange Club, the Wilcox Chamber of Commerce, Wilcox Voters League, Chairman of the Will Bledsoe Fund, Deacon of the Camden Baptist Church, having served two terms as Chairman. Riggs has served on the Camden City Council and on the Wilcox County Commission.

Nominated by Warner Floyd



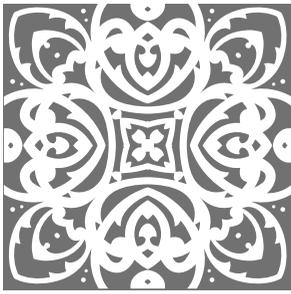
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ANNIE DORIS BRYANT ROBERTSON
GALLION - MARENGO COUNTY

After noticing a need to enhance the lives of the seniors, retirees and the disabled in her community, Ms. Robertson founded “Sunshine People” in 2012. With the physical resources located at her church, she used the Family Life Center as a base to sponsor programs such as luncheons and excursions which include movies, fishing/shopping trips, and gardening. Through informative programming she keeps her seniors in the know concerning health screenings, and other guest speakers.

Ms. Robertson utilizes her skills as a motivational speaker to enhance the quality of life of the seniors she serves. Since the inception of Sunshine People in the spring of 2012, there are members who have perfect attendance and testify as to how, under Ms. Robertson’s leadership, it has enhanced their lives. Sunshine People celebrated six years of life-enhancing programming on May 15, 2018.

Nominated by Alma Wyatt Jones



Class of 2018

DR. SHIRLEY K. SPEARS
SYLACAUGA - TALLADEGA COUNTY

Dr. Shirley K. Spears' path to serving as a librarian for over forty-five years – what she calls the “perfect job” - was not easy. Her early years of hard work as a child on a small cotton farm, her years as a mill worker and a night student at the junior college gave her a determination to work for other people's enjoyment and enrichment, regardless of their station in life. During the next decade, she served as a school librarian at Benjamin Russell High School and attended Auburn University, receiving her Educational Doctorate in 1982.

Dr. Spears became a public librarian in 1983 at the B.B. Comer Library in Sylacauga. Having come to believe that education with all its components – reading, learning and experiencing the humanities and cultural arts – offered a path out of intellectual and economic poverty, she and the library staff began writing grants and piloting programs for all ages. The Comer Library embraced the concept of service in a new and meaningful way since the small town of Sylacauga had no theater, bookstore, civic center, or nearby university. By 2003, the Comer Library Foundation had raised money to add 18,000 square feet to the library to accommodate a meeting room complex to be used for cultural arts, training, civic, and workforce development programs.

For the last thirty-three years, Dr. Spears and the library staff have recruited sponsors, written grants, and formed partnerships to bring services to seniors, assisting them with their professional and volunteer roles. The array of services for adults include a broad spectrum of programs in the areas of history, literature, music, art, civic issues, crafts, health and more. The programs are well attended by participants from the small town of Sylacauga and from a thirty mile radius. She has received awards from the Alabama Library Association, The City of Sylacauga, Auburn University, the Alabama Historical Association among others.

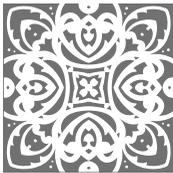
Nominated by Judge Jerry Fielding



WILLIAM WARREN AARON
ECLECTIC - ELMORE
(POSTHUMOUS)

Mr. Aaron, a native of Elmore County, passed away on Thursday, February 1, 2018 at his home in Eclectic. Mr. Aaron donated over 32 gallons of blood to the Alabama Red Cross and built the ball fields of Eclectic. As a member of the Electric Water Board of Directors, Mr. Aaron obtained federal grants and matching funds to access water from the Tallapoosa River. He was selected as Alabama's State Employee of the Year in 1984, was a Torch Bearer of the 1994 Summer Olympic Games held in Atlanta and went on to compete in the Senior Olympics for many years winning many medals in countless events. Due to his volunteer service, he was named the Grand Marshall for the Eclectic Christmas Parade in 2017. Mr. Aaron worked at the Department of Transportation for 51 years and left "The Book," a set of guidelines still used to this day by engineers and contractors throughout the state. Mr. Aaron was a pillar of the community and his contributions continue to have a positive impact on the city of Eclectic.

Nominated by Linda Christy



TOM WHITE
MONTGOMERY - MONTGOMERY COUNTY
(POSTHUMOUS)

Tom was born in Prattville, Alabama, on June 6, 1949. For more than four decades Tom served the State of Alabama and most recently he held the position of State Comptroller. Previously he served as the Chief Financial Officer at the Alabama Department of Public Health for twenty-two years as well as CFO for the Alabama Public Health Care Authority for fifteen years. Tom was on the Executive Committee for the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers, and Treasurers (NASACT) and was also the President-elect of the National Association of State Comptrollers (NASC). As dedicated as Tom was to serving the State of Alabama, he was just as dedicated to his family. Mr. White passed away Thursday, January 19, 2017 after battling a brief illness.

Nominated by Emily Marsal



OUTSTANDING CENTENARIAN AWARD

DR. MILDRED K. DIXON

TUSKEGEE - MACON

In 2016, Dr. Mildred K. Dixon, D.P.M. celebrated her 100th birthday. After graduating from dental nursing school, Dr. Dixon began working for a dentist in Montclair, New Jersey. He saw something special in Dr. Dixon and he encouraged her to continue her medical studies. Dr. Dixon applied to the Ohio College of Chiropody and was accepted.

After graduation, she traveled a long road beginning with a trip to Tuskegee, Alabama to visit her friends. There she met her husband, James O. Dixon who was a faculty member at Tuskegee University. At the time, minority chiropodists were denied access into the Alabama Association of Chiropodists and the National Association of Chiropodists. Not willing to settle for denied access to the AAC, in 1949, Dixon petitioned the NAC's headquarters in Washington DC and was given lifetime membership in the national organization, which allowed her to practice podiatry in Alabama. This influenced an historic milestone in 1965 when an amendment was passed at the ACA convention to never deny membership for reasons of race, creed or national origin.

While working toward these equal rights, Dr. Dixon was also working toward building a remarkable career. In 1956, she was appointed as the first full-time female, African American podiatrist at the Tuskegee Veterans Administration Hospital. While there, Dixon created the first podiatric residency in the state of Alabama which continues to thrive.

Also while employed with the Tuskegee VA, Dr. Dixon established podiatry clinics at VA Hospitals throughout the state of Alabama, specifically the VA Hospital, Tuscaloosa and the VA Hospital, Montgomery.

Dr. Dixon created an endowment along with her daughter, Denise, called the Dr. Mildred Dixon Endowed Scholarship for Podiatric Medicine at Kent State University. Dixon hopes this scholarship will not only help defray some of the costs for deserving podiatry students and help support her alma mater, but also to remind each recipient of the journey of the podiatric profession, which continues to be a passion for her.

Dr. Dixon was the first black American to be inducted into the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine Hall of Fame and she was inducted into the Alabama State Citizens Hall of Fame in 2010. She now lives with her daughter and remains a valued and well-respected member of the Tuskegee community. She has been a volunteer for 32 years through the Macon County RSVP. She continues to volunteer one day each week at the National Park Services, Historic George Washington Carver Museum. She is currently the oldest National Park Services Volunteer.

Nominated by Dr. Florence Pace-Tyner

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LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

KATHY ARCHER
DECATUR

HONORABLE JOE BORG
ECLECTIC

MILDRED PARKER SWITZER
NORTHPORT

JENNIFER CARTER WHITE
ATHENS

LOURETTA CARTER WIMBERLY
SELMA

CAPTAIN AGATHA SYLVIA WINDSOR
MONTGOMERY

KATHY ARCHER

DECATUR - MORGAN COUNTY

A retired educator since 2000, Ms. Archer advocates for education retirees. She lobbies for cost of living raises and benefits for retirees by calling, writing and meeting with government officials, including state and national legislators. She serves on the AERA board as District 1 Director. She is the past chairman of the AERA state legislative committee and the AERA State Community Service Committee and past president of the Blount County Retirees and Franklin County Retirees.

Ms. Archer works with Meals on Wheels on a regular basis and is also in charge of the Senior Activities at her church.

She always takes time to visit nursing homes and assisted living residents, taking older adults without a car to doctor appointments, to pay bills and to buy groceries.

Working and serving as treasurer for the Franklin County Y.E.S (Youth, Employment, Senior Citizens) Foundation gave her another way to connect and help older adults. Y.E.S. provides beginning computer programs at the Russellville Senior Center. During an extremely cold stretch, heaters were given to elderly citizens with little or no heat in their trailer or home. After the April 2011 tornadoes, Y.E.S. set up a Franklin County Tornado Relief fund and, for the next year, received donations and gave out over \$125,000 to survivors, many of whom were senior adults.

Nominated by AERA

JOE BORG

ECLECTIC - ELMORE COUNTY

Joe Borg is the director of the Alabama Securities Commission. His focus on protecting seniors from securities fraud has been admirable. Under his leadership since 1994, the Alabama Securities Commission has had a ninety-five percent successful conviction rate. He is recognized as an expert in the investment protection field.

He has worked to fight the “exploitation of seniors and vulnerable investors” by forming partnerships with other government agencies and senior advocacy organizations. His efforts have helped return money to the victims and seniors whose life savings they have protected by prosecuting those with fraudulent investment programs. There are numerous stories of seniors that he and his department have worked to protect.

Mr. Borg deserves this recognition for leading the Alabama Securities Commission to become one of the nation’s best securities regulatory agencies in the country since 1994 and making seniors needs a priority.

Nominated by Liane Kelly

MILDRED PARKER SWITZER

NORTHPORT - TUSCALOOSA COUNTY

After receiving her Bachelor and Master of Science degrees from the University of Southern MS and attending a dietetic internship at Emory University, Mildred Parker Switzer joined the faculty at The University of Alabama, College of Human Environmental Science.

After retiring in 2009, Ms. Switzer continues to serve as an Adjunct Faculty at The University of Alabama, College of Human Environmental Science. Mildred has participated as a preconference presenter with the School Nutrition Association and continues to provide food safety, food service management, and nutrition training for local school districts throughout Alabama. She is a certified Instructor and Proctor for the National Restaurant Association's ServSafe certification program.

As an active citizen, she has participated at various times as a member and as an elected officer in organizations such as Junior League, Altrusa, and the Pilot Club. Over the years she has served in elected and appointed positions with local and state dietetic associations as well as school nutrition associations. Mildred has been recently recognized as the 2018 recipient of the Judy Bonner Leadership Award.

Nominated by AERA

JENNIFER CARTER WHITE

ATHENS - LIMESTONE COUNTY

Ms. White worked for 42 years as a social worker, supervisor, and program supervisor for the Limestone County Department of Human Resources in Adult and Family Children's Services. She had a direct impact in working to protect adults and children.

During her professional career, she volunteered her time to the Limestone Council on Aging, Limestone Foundation on Aging and CASA of Limestone County. She worked on the sets and performed in the "follies" program benefitting the Council on Aging programs and "Meals on Wheels." She worked to establish the yearly fundraiser for CASA to assist homebound elderly and the building of wheelchair ramps.

Ms. White assists the Limestone County Commission with the "Yellow Dot" safety program and helps the City of Athens with the "Relay for Life" fundraising programs. Since her retirement in 2016, Ms. White organized the TIE Foundation to assist with unmet needs of foster and needy children.

Ms. White continues to be a licensed social worker and is a credit to the social work profession. Her unselfish gifts and knowledge to the people of Limestone County for over 45 years is invaluable.

Nominated by Caroline Page

LOURETTA CARTER WIMBERLY

SELMA - DALLAS COUNTY

Louretta Wimberly has a long history of advocating for seniors and others in the community. During her career, which spans nearly four decades, she was a tireless advocate for veterans. From 1974-1976 she served as Director of Veteran Affairs at Morris Brown College/Atlanta University Center in Georgia where she designed and administered Veteran Affairs Cost of Instruction programs. Her community activism includes serving on the Advisory Board of the Veterans Upward Bound Program in Atlanta, GA, and the National Association of Veterans Program and Administrators. She also served as appointed Field Reader – Consultant for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare through the Office of Education Bureau of Post-Secondary Education in Washington D.C. 1975-76.

Since her retirement in 1991, she has dedicated her life and work to community service. She has served as a Red Cross volunteer for Veterans and their families for more than 10 years. She has been a member volunteer with RSVP, one of the largest volunteer networks in the nation for people 55 and over.

Nominated by George Evans

CAPTAIN AGATHA SYLVIA WINDSOR

MONTGOMERY - MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Captain Windsor began her career with the Alabama Department of Public Safety as a Trooper in 1980. Captain Windsor was one of five female officers hired within the department from 1978-1980 during which time there were limited female officers working in law enforcement in the United States. She was the only woman officer to serve as Troop Commander in the department's history. Captain Windsor retired in January 2016 with 39 ½ years of public service to the great citizens of the State of Alabama.

She is a certified law enforcement planner and is often called upon for her expertise. She received special recognitions in operational and strategic planning of the 50th Anniversary Bridge Crossing and from the U.S. National Parks for the Selma to Montgomery March 50th Anniversary.

Captain Windsor has served on numerous law enforcement related boards and has received numerous awards and accolades.

In retirement, Captain Windsor serves her community by giving daily rides to seniors for trips to the doctor or Sunday church services. She prepares home cooked meals for those in need and prepares holiday baskets for seniors. She cares for her 91 year old father and 85 year old mother. She gives her time to the Senior Center in Slocomb and the Historic Countyline M.B. Church and the Dexter King Memorial Church. She parks cars for seniors at church and looks out for seniors to make sure no one takes advantage of them. Her motto is "Just Keep Living" and her love for seniors is shown in her daily actions.

Nominated by Agnes Windsor

SENIOR CITIZENS
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SPECIAL AWARDS

ADVOCACY

PAT & WILLIAM A. WYATT
HAPERSVILLE

LEGISLATIVE AWARD

ANDREW B. SCHOTTGEN
FAIRHOPE

EDUCATION

MARGARET ZIMMERMAN BEARD
DOLOMITE

MILITARY SERVICE AWARD

BARRY K. BLOUNT
PELHAM

ANTHONY T. LEE

TUSKEGEE

BRENDA AVERY LOCKHART
BIRMINGHAM

VOLUNTEER AWARD

STANDLAND ADAMS
COTTONWOOD

DR. BENJAMIN ACE OUTLAND

TUSKEGEE

LOUISE W. NALL

TUSKEGEE

ENTERTAINMENT AWARD

LEE LOWERY

ODENVILLE

ADVOCACY AWARD

PAT & WILLIAM A. WYATT

HARPERSVILLE - SHELBY COUNTY

Ms. Pat Wyatt, an RSVP member since 2009, has logged 12,235 hours of service as a volunteer. She is the President of the Dystonia Support Group of Alabama and is involved with the Dystonia Research Foundation. Ms. Wyatt is currently President of the Chelsea/Westover Homemakers & Community Leaders (CWHCL) and is a dedicated supporter of veteran's organizations. She is involved with Keep the Spirit of 45 Alive and is the Auxiliary President of American Legion Unit 43. She volunteers with the Blue Star Salute Foundation, Wreaths Across America, and the Support Committee for the Alabama National Cemetery. She also participates in small groups at Chelsea Church of Christ.

Mr. William Wyatt is a living advocate for people with disabilities. Through volunteerism, he has spent the past several decades sending the message to others with disabilities that they must focus on what they can do rather than what they cannot do. He has been a member of RSVP since 2009 and has logged nearly 15,000 volunteer hours. He is a founder of Blue Star Salute Foundation, an organization honoring our military, veterans and fallen heroes. He is involved with Wreaths Across America and is a founding member of the Support Committee of the Alabama National Cemetery (ALNC). He has been a member of the American Legion Post 43 for over forty-six years and is a past member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He has served on several Veterans boards and organizations.

After an eight-year tenure with Alabama's Department of Veterans Affairs, Mr. Wyatt retired in 2018 as the longest serving veteran on the VA Board.

Nominated by Marvin L. Copes

EDUCATION AWARD

MARGARET ZIMMERMAN BEARD

DOLOMITE - JEFFERSON COUNTY

Ms. Beard earned an undergraduate degree at Stillman College, a MS of Education at Indiana University, and completed further studies at Western Michigan University, the University of Alabama Birmingham, and Vanderbilt University. Her nearly 52 year career with the Jefferson County School System began as a registrar and finished as the Director of Federal Compliance and Minority Affairs.

Upon retiring, Ms. Beard joined the Jefferson County Education Retirees Association and chaired committees, served as the campaign coordinator for the United Way of Central Alabama, started an annual Casual Day picnic at the Board of Education, in support of United Cerebral Palsy of Central Alabama and served on the board of Girls, Inc. of Central Alabama

Ms. Beard has received many awards for her community service including the UCP of Greater Birmingham Distinguished Service Award, a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Metro Birmingham NAACP. She was also honored with the Excellence in Education Award from Sisters United and UAB Urban Education Department in June 2017.

Nominated by AERA

ANTHONY T. LEE

TUSKEGEE - MACON COUNTY

In the course of his high school career, Anthony T. Lee became one of 12 plaintiffs in Lee vs. Macon County Board of Education, a pivotal school desegregation case that resulted in the desegregation of all public schools and educational facilities in the state of Alabama.

In September 1964, Mr. Lee became one of the two black students to integrate the undergraduate school at Auburn University. He became the first black student to study at Auburn for 4 years and graduate with a BA Degree with a major in History.

In September of 1971, Mr. Lee was hired by the State of Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles and was the first black State Parole and Probation Officer, a position he held for 13 years.

He is an active member in numerous organizations including AARP, Alabama New South Coalition, Macon County Education Retiree Association, Tuskegee Area Chamber of Commerce and volunteers with RSVP in Macon County. He is also involved with the Friends of the Tuskegee Airmen and is Vice-president of the Macon County Branch of the NAACP.

Nominated by Dr. Florence Pace-Tyner

BRENDA AVERY LOCKHART

BIRMINGHAM - JEFFERSON COUNTY

During her professional career in Bibb County (1967-1998), Ms. Lockhart served in several leadership roles in the Bibb County Education Association. She served on numerous committees and served as President and Building Representative for 4 years each and two years in each officer position. As a member of AERA, she has served on several committees and is currently an AERA board member and district 4 director.

After retirement, Ms. Lockhart worked for 11 years as a counselor in the Adult Education Program. She and her husband wrote a 12 hour orientation program that was the first of its kind and a model for other programs throughout the state of Alabama. While serving in this capacity at Jefferson State, the literacy council selected her as a "Distinguished Partner" at their 2007 Literacy Summit.

Ms. Lockhart has continued to serve her church for 50 years in various positions. She also holds membership in Delta Kappa Gamma, International and the Alpha Kappa Sorority, Inc.

Nominated by AERA

DR. BENJAMIN ACE OUTLAND

TUSKEGEE - MACON COUNTY

Dr. Outland has a vast educational background, serving as a teacher, principal, superintendent, assistant professor and consultant with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. He is a member of several service organizations and serves as a Deacon at Greenwood Missionary Baptist Church.

In 1992, Dr. Outland was awarded the Outstanding Progress Award for his involvement in the opening of a state-of-the-art high school in Tuskegee. He made an impact on his community by developing a plan for consolidating all of the schools in the system.

For more than 25 years, Dr. Outland has served his community by volunteering at the George Washington Carver Museum and as an Adjunct Professor of Education at Tuskegee University. He was named Macon County RSVP Volunteer of the Year.

Nominated by Dr. Florence Pace-Tyner

ENTERTAINMENT AWARD

LEE LOWERY

ODENVILLE - ST. CLAIR COUNTY

Lee Lowery has been playing music and singing for seniors in St. Clair County for more than 12 years, both at the senior centers and nursing homes. Their favorite is when he sings and plays “The Twist!” When he plays, the seniors enjoy dancing and they are immediately on their feet and active.

Nominated by Eleanor Clinkscales

LEGISLATIVE AWARD

ANDREW B. SCHOTTGEN

FAIRHOPE - BALDWIN COUNTY

Before retirement in 1994, Mr. Schottgen was a teacher, elementary and high school principal. As a member of the Baldwin County Retired Educators Association, he has assisted retirees in understanding their insurance programs as well as legislation relevant to seniors. He served as the President of BCREA for six years. During that time, the BCREA won two state community service awards among other national awards. The BCREA recognized Mr. Schottgen’s work with a special appreciation award for his service.

Also, he served as Chairman of the AERA Legislative Committee for two terms and as Chairman of the Constitution Committee.

Mr. Schottgen now faces what many seniors face today – he is a caregiver of his wife, Faye, who he says has always been there for him. She has Alzheimer’s disease and other health issues. He says it is his privilege to assist his loving wife of 51 years and helping her is the greatest honor he could receive.

Nominated by AERA

MILITARY SERVICE AWARD

MAJOR BARRY K. BLOUNT

PELHAM - SHELBY COUNTY

Command Sergeant Major Barry K. Blount comes from a family with a long military history. He is the proud father of three sons who have all entered the military. In 2005, Blount retired from military life holding the highest non-commissioned rank in the Army and having received numerous awards for his service to the country.

When his middle son tragically passed away in 2012, he honored his legacy by establishing the American Legion Matthew Blount Post 555. Mr. Blount is dedicated to the fulfillment of the Legion's mission of service to veterans, youth, and patriotism. The membership has developed over the years from 30 to 200 and has been commended for being one of the fastest growing posts in the country. In 2017, the post received commendation from Governor Kay Ivey for meeting the American Legion's mission with over 170 events involving veterans, youth and the community in the first 36 months of operation.

Mr. Blount has been an RSVP member since January 2014 and has logged over 2374 hours. He has volunteered his additional time and energy to other Veterans organizations as well.

Nominated by Marvin L. Copes

VOLUNTEER AWARD

MR. STANDLAND ADAMS

COTTONWOOD- HOUSTON COUNTY

Mr. Adams was raised by a Southern Baptist preacher and joined the marines at 18 years old. He spent 2 years in Vietnam and after his service started driving a truck for Allied Van Lines. He has 11 children. In 2005 he lost his vocal cords to cancer due to exposure to agent orange and then 3 years later lost his right leg. He does not let any of it hinder his mission from God to help people. He helped with the Hartford food drive every year, and, after moving back to Cottonwood, began his own food drive there, serving seniors and the less fortunate in the community. He feeds around 70 people a week and has brought over 3000 pounds of food to the community of Cottonwood. He was recognized as Cottonwood Citizen of the Month.

Nominated by Rosetter Gomes

LOUISE W. NALL

TUSKEGEE - MACON COUNTY

In 1946, Mrs. Nall was the first black clerk at a downtown Tuskegee dry goods store on South Main Street owned by Benjamin Mosktwiz, and later ran the shoe department until Mosktwiz died in 1962. Mrs. Nall then took a job as a clothing clerk in the canteen at the Tuskegee VA Hospital where she worked for 17 years before retiring to care for her mother, Carrie Lee Wright, who died in 1997.

Mrs. Nall has been a carrier for the Tuskegee News for 45 years and has no plans to stop. She is known as "Little Bit" because of her small frame and is a fixture in Tuskegee. Her 2000 Nissan truck with the "Miss Louiz" license plate is a familiar site in the area.

Mrs. Nall has been involved in a clothing drive for 30 years which serves the homeless and others in need. She was honored by the Macon County NAACP.

Nominated by Dr. Florence Pace-Tyner

COUPLES MARRIED
65 Years
OR MORE

RALPH & VERA BALLEW
HORTON

REV. BILLY AND KATHERINE JOHNSON
NOTASULGA

COY & DOT BROTHERS
ARAB

WILLIAM AND DOROTHY LEDBETTER
NOTASULGA

LLOYD AND ANITA DAVENPORT
ALABASTER

HENRY & MILDRED McLANEY
WETUMPKA

BILL & ELOISE ECHOLS
BIRMINGHAM

LONNIE & CLARA NEELY
TUSCALOOSA

ARTHUR & ANN FLYNN
OPELIKA

HAROLD & ELIZABETH ROSSER
HORTON

MR. & MRS. J.L. HOPPER
EVA

MR. AND MRS. TALMADGE SIMMONS
SPRINGVILLE

JOHN E. AND BEVERLY HORNE
ALABASTER

JAMES AND IRIS ANITA WADE
TALLASSEE

DR. JOHN AND MARY NELL ISBELL, III
FORT PAYNE

GEORGE AND MARY WOODFAULK
UNION SPRINGS

SENIOR CITIZENS
100 Years
OF AGE OR OLDER

COUNTESS SHEALY CHAPMAN
ROANOKE

NELLA KING
TUSCALOOSA

ELLA FRANCES GOODWILL COOK
SMITHS STATION

VELMA McCLURE
NORTHPORT

ARTHUR W. COOPER
AUBURN

LONNIE GILBERT NEELY
TUSCALOOSA

THELMA DEVOISE
LEE COUNTY

FLOY PREWITT
NOTASULGA

MARY MERCEDES GREEN
OPELIKA

MARY ALICE WATSON
MILLPORT

SALLIE MAE HAYNES
OPELIKA

GEORGE WOODFAULK
NORTHPORT

MAE TOM HOUSTON
WEDOWEE

BEN WILLIAMS
TUSCALOOSA

SALLIE B. JACKSON
SELMA