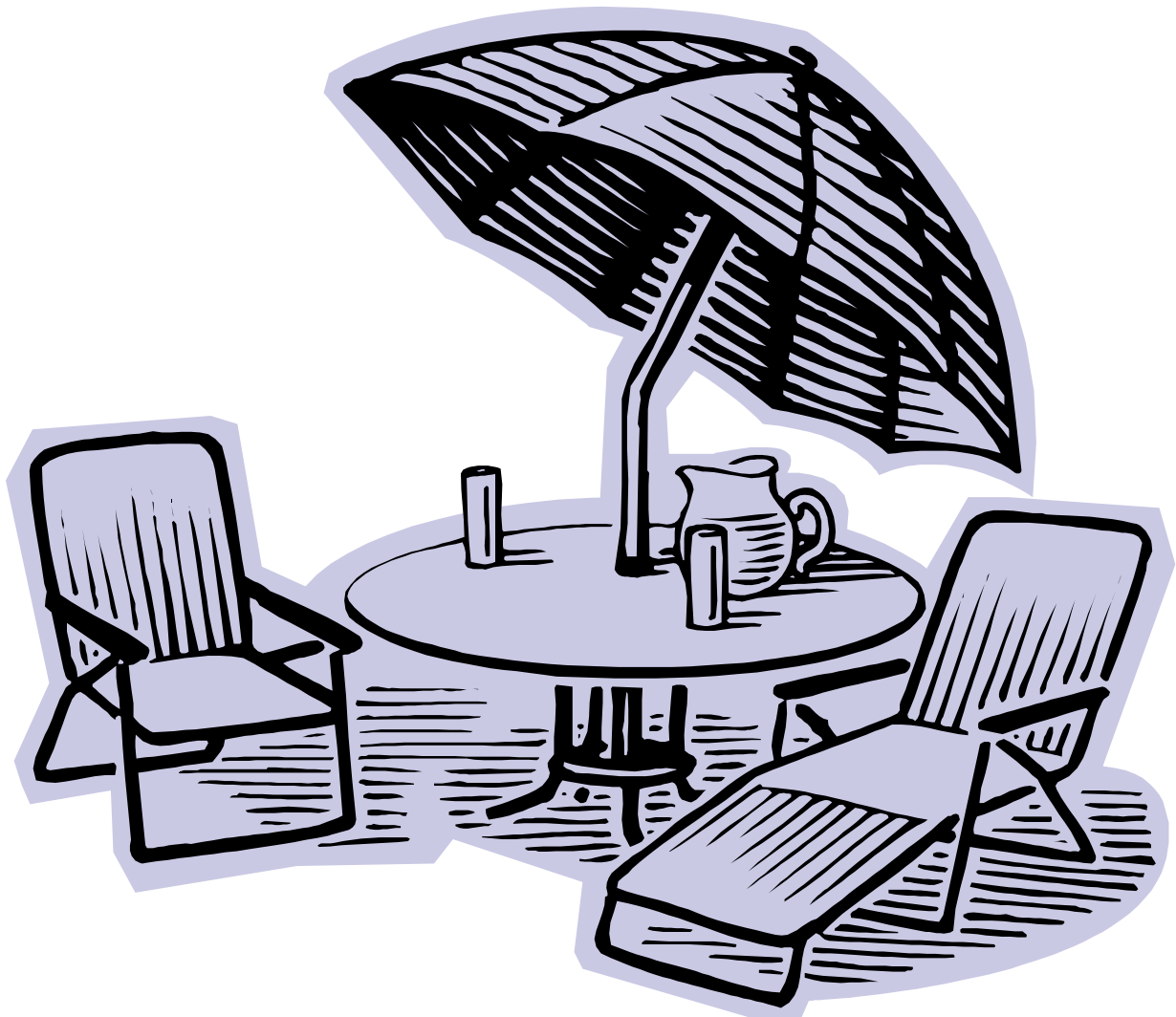




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Jeanne Dover
President

What do I write about this month? You know there are so many changes happening daily it shouldn't be a problem: WRONG!

Maybe I should start by saying I hope everything is good for you! I pray that everyone is healthy!

A subject that is very near to me now but will have passed by the time we receive the *ATCB* is the state convention that is fast approaching and will pass fast. I know that Robin and I have been working on it for what seems like months. At the changeover one of the issues discussed was; we had no support from the districts. Well I approached both district managers with this outlook and they assured me if we invited them and told them what we needed they would do their best to provide. As we are approaching the home stretch toward the convention we have been assured that both districts of Georgia would have representation. The thing that bothers me is; are we having the members of Georgia NAPUS support? We are only as good as the members that show up and support our organization. You know sometime that is like preaching to the choir.

I think we all have to give up leave, family time, and money to support NAPUS but it is the only thing we have going for us to support our efforts. We need NAPUS to help with pay issues, to help with discipline, and many other benefits. If you are a postmaster and not a member those things are not afforded to you.

Summer is approaching, school will be out. It will be vacation time for many NAPUS members so practice safety as you travel and have fun.

There is still much going on for the rest of the year; SOC, National Convention and the Fall Conference so try to make some if not all to learn, share stories, make new friends, see old friends.

WE NEED U without U we have no NAP*S!

See you, if you need anything I am just a phone call away.
Jeanne

THE TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGIN'

Lyrics:

Come gather 'round people
Wherever you roam
And admit that the waters
Around you have grown
And accept it that soon
You'll be drenched to the bone.
If your time to you
Is worth savin'
Then you better start swimmin'
Or you'll sink like a stone
For the times they are a-changing'.

Sure hope you are planning to gather with your NAPUS family for the state convention because we all know that the times are changing in our offices-daily. Not just in our offices but throughout the entire postal service. Changes aren't necessarily bad but as the lyrics state we'd better start swimming (adjusting, learning, and accepting) to avoid sinking. Where better to go for "swimming lessons" than a NAPUS function? We have opportunities to network with other postmasters, attend training, ask questions of our district personnel and have fun, fun, fun. There are no negatives to attending NAPUS activities. Helping hands are extended—will you reach out?

Submitted by: Gail Swann, Editor

Contract Cleaning Services Agreement Quick Reference

Here are some guidelines to assist you with contract cleaning services. This document is available as an Accounting Resource in the Accounting web site: <http://blue.usps.gov/wps/portal/accounting/library/references>.



Danielle Frazier
Executive VP

Contracted Cleaning Services Managed by Western Services Category Management Center (CMC)

Request a cleaning service contract through an eBay requisition for:

- **a self-employed cleaner**, whose services will total \$10,000 or more annually, **or**
- **a cleaning service company**, whose services will total \$2,500 or more annually

Once the eBay requisition is approved, it is automatically routed to the Western Services Category Management Centers (Chicago/San Francisco). The Western Services CMC downloads the eBay requisition and emails an acknowledgement receipt with an estimated award timeline to the designated Contracting Officer Representative (COR) and the eBay requisitioner.

Note: To avoid duplicate payments, **do not submit** a completed PS Form 8230, *Authorization for Payment*, to the Scanning and Imaging Center for the contract coverage period.

Local Cleaning Service Agreements Managed by the Local Office

Employees at Field facilities should understand and follow the established Local Cleaning Service Agreement process for disbursements to Contracted Cleaners through Accounting Services in San Mateo. The *Cleaning Services Local Buying Agreement Guidelines* is available in the Library, References section of the Accounting website: http://blue.usps.gov/accounting/pdf/Cleaning_Agreement.pdf.

Offices using the local buying procedures for cleaning services must have on file a completed, signed copy of the PS Form 7355, *Cleaning Agreement*. If an office uses a cleaner for a period of one year or longer (two years maximum) and the work to be performed has an annual dollar value of less than \$10,000 for a self-employed individual or \$2,500 for a service company, you should establish a recurring payment via a **Cleaning Services Agreement and Payment Authorization** form. This form is available as Attachment - 5 in the *Cleaning Services Local Buying Agreement Guidelines* available at: http://blue.usps.gov/accounting/pdf/Cleaning_Agreement.pdf.

A properly completed **Cleaning Services Agreement and Payment Authorization** form must be sent to the Contractual Payables Branch of Accounting Services in San Mateo, CA. Upon receipt, a recurring payment schedule is established, generating payments automatically. Maintain the original PS Form 7355 in the office. **Do not** submit a PS Form 7355, *Cleaning Agreement* to Accounting Services in San Mateo. Doing so, may establish a recurring payment template and result in a duplicate payment. Maintain the original PS Form 7355 in the office.

Note: To avoid duplicate payments, **do not submit** a completed PS Form 8230, *Authorization for Payment*, to the Scanning and Imaging Center for the contract coverage period.

Temporary Cleaning Services

Submit a properly completed PS Form 8230, *Authorization for Payment*, along with the invoice, to the Scanning and Imaging Center if:

- your office uses a contract cleaner for a period of less than one year **and** the work to be performed has an annual dollar value of less than \$10,000 for a self-employed individual or \$2,500 for a service company.

Renewing a Local Agreement

To renew a cleaning agreement for up to \$10,000 (self-employed individuals) or \$2,500 (service companies), make sure the cleaning services are included in your budget and that an eBuy request has been approved. Then, follow these procedures:

Complete and retain a new [PS Form 7355, Cleaning Agreement](#).

1. Complete and sign a new “Cleaning Services Agreement and Payment Authorization” form.

Mail the completed “Cleaning Services Agreement and Payment Authorization” (Attachment - 5 in the *Cleaning Services Local Buying Agreement Guidelines*) to this address:

CONTRACT CLEANER UNIT/Contractual Payables Branch
ACCOUNTING SERVICES
2700 CAMPUS DRIVE
SAN MATEO, CA 94497-9426

Note: The Contractual Payables Branch in San Mateo must receive this form **at least 15 working days** prior to the expiration of the existing contract.

YOU HAVE GOT TO BE KIDDING...

Submitted by:
Debbie Lombardo, PM,
Nicholson

Like many women, I shop. I can't say I'm a big shopper but I do shop. Recently I made a small purchase on a department store credit card—\$9.63. When my credit card bill came, my husband Larry (who is a huge supporter of USPS—we'll get to that another time) asked if I had seen the bill. I said, “No”. He told me I had better read it. I thought, “Oh no, have I lost my platinum status? Has someone used my card? Have I paid late? Has my identity been stolen?”

It was worse! My credit card bill said, “We are waiving this month's one dollar processing fee to give you more time to register for paperless statements. Act now to SAVE: simply go to xxx.com and you'll avoid the \$1 service fee.”

This company wants to charge me \$1.00 to send me their bill. That \$1.00 is more than 10% of my bill.

SAVE? SAVE? I want to SAVE my job! I want to SAVE the Postal Service!

Oh yeah, I called the 800 number. And after finger numbing button pushing finally got a real live person (I think). Alex. I explained to Alex that I did not want paperless statements and I did not want to pay the \$1.00 each month. Alex said that was not possible. “But, but, but I work for the Post Office,” I told him. “I need to get that piece of mail and mail my payment back.” Alex said, “Sorry, no, you have to go paperless or pay the dollar...”

Ladies, those of you weak of heart don't read this— I canceled my platinum credit card. Yes, I did. Alex did warn me if I changed my mind and signed up for another card I would not have the same perks. I told Alex I would shop somewhere else.

How much more mail volume are we going to lose and still keep our jobs? We cannot let these companies bully us into receiving and paying our bills online. I'm sure this is not the only company who is going to do this. I'll cancel those cards too. Of course, one of you may have to let me use your credit card to hold my hotel room at the next convention, because I may not have one.

SCHOLARSHIP 2010



Tammy Cantrell
Sec/Treas

One of the many benefits of being a NAPUS member is our Scholarship Program. Each year at the State Convention, GA NAPUS presents two \$500 scholarships to graduating High School Seniors who plan to attend college in the fall. We present one scholarship to a child/grandchild of an active Postmaster and one to a child/grandchild of a retired Postmaster. Having the honor of being the parent of two High School Seniors receiving this scholarship, I know what a help it is to these college students. With the rising cost of college tuition, books, fees, etc, every little bit helps. The NAPUS Scholarship application and guidelines are published each year in the January issue of ATCB.

This year, as in the past, we had some outstanding applicants. Listed below are this year's recipients and some of their accomplishments:

Allyson D. Panzella, daughter of Active Postmaster Gregory Panzella (Martinez GA) has a GPA of 95.41, scored 1950 on SAT and is ranked 10 out of approximately 550 students at Evans High School. She's a member of the soccer team, Math and Spanish National Honor Societies and volunteers at the animal hospital and Relay for Life.

Emily N. Wallace, granddaughter of Retired Postmaster Patricia Lee (Patterson GA) has a weighted GPA of 3.98 and scored 1620 on SAT. She attends Providence High School in Jacksonville FL where she is Senior Class President and Varsity Cheerleader Captain. She led community drives for children including March of Dimes Buddy Walk and is a member of the Anchor Club.

Congratulations to this year's scholarship winners!

As parents and grandparents, we are very proud when our children/grandchildren reach this stage in their lives and the contributions we have made in getting them there. Through the GA NAPUS Scholarship Program you can help other NAPUS members' children/grandchildren recognize their college dreams as well. The GA NAPUS Scholarship is funded strictly through members' donations and contributions. For an example, when Postmaster Roy Shaffer lost his mother in January, the scholarship fund received almost \$700 in her memory. These donations more than funded one scholarship being given at the State Convention this year. Because of these contributions, Mrs. Shaffer's memory will continue through the lives of these young adults. With your support, maybe we could increase the number or amount of scholarships given each year.

If you have an upcoming High School Senior, don't miss out on this great scholarship opportunity.



COME ONE - COME ALL



Submitted by:
Dayna Mahaffey,

Anyone wishing to go with us on the retiree trip from Callaway Gardens, please notify Dayna Mahaffey by email day-nau@ellijay.com or phone 706-273-7212 or J.J. Smith jjam8@bellsouth.net by Friday, June 4 with the following information:

Name _____ circle: PM Retired PM
Other: _____

Choice of lunch: _____
Grilled Chopped Steak (topped with sautéed onions, mushrooms and garlic, served with creamy mashed potatoes and red wine sauce); Chicken Caesar Salad (grilled marinated chicken breast, shopped romaine, romano cheese and garlic croutons in house-made Caesar dressing); Chicken Finger Plate (hand-breaded chicken tenders served with honey mustard dipping sauce and seasoned fries).

The tentative schedule for our retiree trip from Callaway Gardens is: leave from hotel at 9:30 Friday morning June 11 (we will carpool to Columbus National Infantry Museum); arrive at museum around 10:45 am; tour WWII Village at 11:00 am; arrive at restaurant 11:50 - Noon; Lunch and business meeting Noon - 1:30 pm; begin tour of museum 1:30 pm, IMAX theatre 3:00 pm; return to Callaway Gardens 4:10 pm, arrive at Gardens 5:15 pm.

The cost is \$32 for the guided tours, IMAX theatre, lunch and private room, includes tax and gratuities. Retiree's fee will be discussed and voted on at the Meeting; all others will be due by the morning of tour.

SIMPLY: THANK YOU!!!!

Beloved GA NAPUS retirees and to all of GA NAPUS members, associates, spouses, friends and foe (if there be any).

Thank you, thank you, and thank you for allowing me to serve as your president for the past year. It has been such a wonderful experience and the year really went fast.

We have had a successful year and without you all, it could not have been possible. I am a firm believer that the officers in a organization should rotate so that each member regardless of statue in the organization can experience holding the office of president.



J.J. Smith
Pres., Retirees

I highly encourage all retirees to become more actively involved in NAPUS. To those of you who have been missing or quit coming, it's time to come home. We are family and we do need your input to ensure that our organization survives in an environment of uncertainty. I am so proud of this organization.

As I look back on this past year, I see the commitment and sacrifice that many of you make to attend NAPUS Events. You do not have annual leave, sick leave, convention leave, and pay your own expenses. This is what I call love and setting an example for the younger postmasters.

Let me give you an example of commitment and dedication-Mrs. Frances Ransom, wife of the deceased honorable postmaster John Ransom (Handsome Ransom) drove from Cordele, GA to Fayetteville, GA by herself and linked up with her daughter and came to the fall conference in Tallulah Falls, GA. What is so amazing about this? Cordele, GA is more than a hundred miles from Fayetteville, GA and Tallulah Falls, GA is more than one hundred miles from Fayetteville, GA. For those of you who know how old Mr. Handsome Ransom was, then you will know how old Mrs. Frances is now. Her amazing journey was so inspirational and uplifting to all who were in attendance. Mrs. Frances-Thank you.

There are many more examples out there but space will not permit all the wonderful memories of this past year.

Out state convention will be held at Callaway Gardens June 10-13. This year the convention will begin on Thursday.

Friday, all retirees, spouses and guests to include active postmasters significant others are invited to attend an all day affair beginning at 09:30 AM when we will convoy to the Infantry Museum at Ft. Benning, GA for a guided tour. We will have a short business meeting and a sit down lunch that will be provided on site during our business meeting. Please reserve in advance and let Dayna Mahaffey know that you will be in attendance and select in advance your choice of meals. After the luncheon, the tour will continue and a movie will be shown that afternoon in 3D.

The Retiree's chapter will pay for all expenses incurred by the members and associates for Friday. All guests and spouses will be asked to pay \$32.00 (thirty-two dollars) to enjoy this festive occasion at Ft. Benning, GA museum. They tell me that this museum is so beautiful so all of you veterans come and bring your spouse or significant other to see what our military history is all about. Please reserve with Dayna ASAP. It is not too late. Call her if necessary. We need to have an estimate so that we can ensure that the meal count is correct.

Saturday, our normal business meeting will begin at 11:00 AM. Please be present and on time. We will be electing officers for the next term. All positions will be vacated and up for nomination and I encourage anyone who wants to hold office to submit your name to the committee and nominations will be taken from the floor.

This convention will be so exciting and many of you live in the area so I am expecting a large turn out of retirees. If you have questions, please contact me at 770-991-1060. Finally, I will be still involved in GA NAPUS at the national level. I thank you and I love all of you. I am J. J. Smith, Jr., and I approve this message!



Thanks to our webmaster
Tony Fogarty

CHECK OUT OUR NEW LOOK AT ganapus.com

Heartfelt sympathy

Barry Herring, PM Washington-mother died May 15



Prayers requested

Margaret Turner recently had surgery but is doing well now
Peggy Echols recently had a good report from a biopsy

DATES TO REMEMBER

2010

2010 State Convention - June 10-13, 2010

Callaway Gardens, Pine Mtn., GA

2010 Southern Officers Conference-July 22-25,
2010, Tunica, MS

2010 National Convention-Sept. 11-15, 2010 Grand
Rapids, MI

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2011 National Convention-Puerto Rico-Sept.10-15

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Click on the GROUPS tab at the top, Under Group Name, type in
NAPUS Postmasters, Click on FIND IT, Click on VIEW DE-
TAILS (Information also on ganapus.com)

2012

2012 National Convention-Oklahoma City, OK



CORRECTION: Retired PM, Riverdale, Charles Ball IS NOT deceased. I apologize to Mr. Ball, his family and our readership for the error.

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Bennie Daughtry-Rocky Ford
Dawn Handson-Waynesville
Pat Faircloth-Register
Cora Burke-Keysville

I TOO BELIEVE IN CAMELOT

The Lord has blessed me with an opportunity to live “just a tiny part” of it daily.

You are wondering “has she lost her mind since she retired?” No, not completely! I have always heard that where one door closes another one opens.

Let me try to explain just how it all started. I truly worried that I was not the retiring type. However, in October 2007, I had a very sad visit with my equine Vet, Dr Jennifer Baker of Equine Associates, Hawkinsville, Georgia, She and her husband, Dr Bill, take very good care of my precious Miniature Donkeys. Dr Jenn came from the examination room and told me that I would most likely lose my newest tiny baby jack, a handsome solid black. While walking around and crying, I saw a picture that made my sad heart smile again. Well actually, laugh out loud with delight.



Retired Postmaster
Brenda Gunn-Reed
and
Blue Moon

I saw a picture of “The Gypsy King” Stallion. My heart exploded at the sight of such a magical and breathtaking specimen of a horse. I had to learn more about this breed. A breed of horse that was so stunning and magnificent with it’s heavy bone statue and apple like butt. All of this beauty and with HAIR! A lavish mane, tail and feathering beyond any thing that I had ever seen.

My research lead me to these facts:

My dream was a Gypsy Vanner Horse whose home land is, where else, but the United Kingdom.

The Gypsies while wanting a working horse, as well as, a horse that could live with humans every day pulling their wagons (homes), the breeding started.

Results of years of breeding, the Gypsies bred a horse with a gentle and forgiving temperament; and, one who bonds closely with their owners.

Oh! My kind of horse.

My research also reflects that the Gypsy Vanner Horse is very versatile. Is it this versatility that is leading them in various directions from their original purpose. The Gypsy Vanner’s “can do” attitude and their calm temperament has proven that they are successful in *doing dressage, jumping, trail riding or driving, cutting cattle, pleasure riding and driving as well as being professionally shown in the arena*

Yes, this attitude and calm, tractable temperament would make the Gypsy Vanner a perfect partner in any equine sport and they truly excel as the ideal family horse.

My husband, Bobby has granted me the pleasure of owning two (2) of these magnificent horses. “Once in a Blue Moon” was delivered to our farm on December 1, 2007. Her Grand Sire is the famous “The Gypsy King”.

My second, Lexie, was delivered on December 19, 2009. Lexie’s Grand Sire is the famous, now deceased, “The Lion King”.

Should you desire to view this breed, google “The Gypsy King” Gypsy horse or “The Lion King,” Gypsy Horse. There you will see the beauty of what I speak.

Yes, I am blessed and I do truly thank The Lord every day as I walk among these majestic creatures.

2010 SOUTHERN OFFICERS CONFERENCE

You are invited to one of the most memorable SOC Conference's you'll ever experience. Ever been down Blues Highway 61? Well now's your chance. See how Mississippi Chapter of NAPUS offers you that warm southern hospitality. The Southern Officers Conference is made up of eleven states; Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas and South Carolina. This Conference requires each officer from each state to consider and consolidate policy changes. It also allows training and development to prepare future leaders of NAPUS. It is open to all states and all members of NAPUS. So mark your calendars.

This will be a meeting you will remember for years to come. Mississippi wants you to be a part of our Highway 61 fun.

**Mississippi Chapter of NAPUS Southern Officers Conference
Tunica Mississippi July 22-25, 2010 at Harrah's Casino and Resort.**

July is very hot in the south so we want you to be as comfortable as possible. All events are casual (cool) attire. More information about the Conference, directions to Harrah's, travel arrangements and a registration form will be sent out soon. At that time you can let us know if you plan to drive or fly into the Memphis International Airport.

A reminder to all Secretary/Treasurers: bring 33 copies of each policy change that was passed at your State Convention.

We look forward to seeing ya'll in Mississippi for lots of fun and activities. If you have any questions call Mandy Heslep-Whitten (662) 721-0151 or Barbara Morris (662) 902-3213.



Registration form on following
page

NAPUS POSTMASTER CRUISE

Great news!! The NAPUS Postmaster group cruise-San Juan, PR, Sept. 4-11, 2011-is now available for booking. I have reserved 50 various type cabins, but can always request more. The prices range from \$559.81 per person for an inside cabin to \$819.81 per person for a gorgeous balcony cabin-and several various type cabins and price ranges in between. If you would like a suite, triple, etc., just give me a call. These must be booked by me personally. These prices include all taxes. We will have a Meet and Greet very early in our trip so everyone will know who's aboard. The cruise is a Sun. to Sun. cruise, but we will dock back at San Juan at 7:00 AM Sun., Sept. 11. I plan to request an early disembarkation for our group so we will be able to attend the church service at the start of the convention. Steps to book your cruise: Log onto WeGotTrips.com, Click on the GROUPS tab at the top, Under Group Name, type in NAPUS Postmasters, Click on FIND IT, Click on VIEW DETAILS, you'll see gorgeous photos of the places we will visit and the itinerary for the various stops on our trip. Continue to scroll down and you'll see the accommodations listed. This is where they have listed the prices for double occupancy.

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2010 Southern Officers Conference

Name _____ Title _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

e-mail _____ Guest _____

Early Registration fee \$100- postmarked by June 25, 2010

After June 25th fee \$150

Flying _____ Driving _____

If you will need transportation from Memphis Airport (MEM)

Please complete the information below:

Airline & flight number _____ Date & time of arrival _____

Date & time of departure _____ Number in party _____

Mississippi Chapter NAPUS, the historic blues highway and Harrah's eagerly await your arrival to the 2010 Southern Officers Conference, July 22-25 in Tunica Mississippi.

The weather is hot in Mississippi in July so every event will be casual dress. Bring comfortable shoes and comfortable clothes.

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Secretary Treasurers are reminded to bring 33 copies of policies that were passed at your State Convention.

Please return your registration form & fee to: Shirley Hairston-Knox, 75 4th Ave. Decatur MS 39327. Make checks payable to Mississippi NAPUS. Any questions about the Conference call Mandy cell 662-721-0151, work 662-843-3360.

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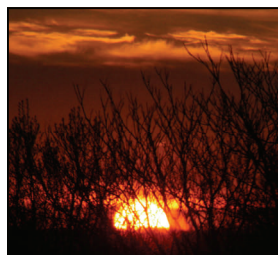


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