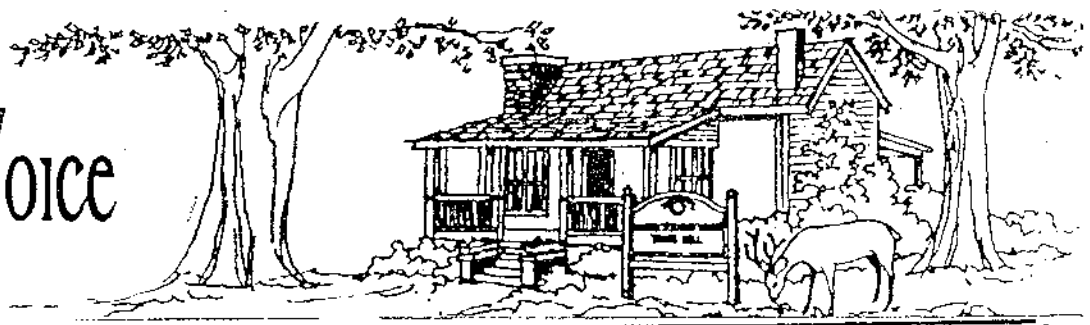


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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, February 20, 2001, 7:00 p.m.
Indian Springs Village Town Hall

Agenda

- I. Mayor/Council Committee Reports
- II. Ordinances and Resolutions
- III. Citizens' Forum

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Editor's Notes

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A Message From the Mayor

By Gene Weingarten

On January 20, 2001, Olivia and I had the privilege of attending the inauguration of George W. Bush. Regardless of your political leanings, this ceremony represents an icon of democracy, unknown in a great majority of countries throughout the world.

As we stood on the Capitol lawn, with a temperature of 34 degrees, in the pouring rain, the country became still for a moment. While an estimated 300 thousand people stood and sat alongside of us, there was almost complete silence as the new President and other officials presented their speeches. Perhaps a sign of the times, security was not only tight, it was extreme. We were in line over an hour before we entered a vast tented area, where everyone went through a metal detector and visual inspection. If you carried a brief case, camera bag, or back pack, the security people went through every piece. It was more efficient than the gates at the airport.

There were 50 states and territories represented in Washington at the inauguration. But the very best looking group there was from the "Heart of Dixie." Alabama should be proud of the many folks, who paid their own expenses, that took time away from work and family to attend. Our elected officials, Senator Shelby, Senator Sessions, Congressman Spencer Bachus and the other Alabama Congressmen were overwhelmed by the turnout. Their congeniality, shown through as "southern hospitality," is alive and well in the nation's capitol. Our own Mary Sue McClurkin (and husband Van) made certain that Indian Springs Village was well represented.

Since this was my first visit to Washington, learning the ropes reduced our time to be good tourists. Spending half a day at the Smithsonian only scratched the surface. You really need three days to see most of the exhibits. Standing at the monuments to Washington, Jefferson, Roosevelt, *et al*, brought to reality the history of which we have only seen in books. You could hear the music playing at Ford's Theatre while touring Mr. Lincoln's box. A great hush surrounded Arlington Cemetery. The Vietnam and Korean war walls transfixed the onlookers. All the kids were hypnotized during the weapons exhibition at the FBI. Never even made it into the Capitol, White House, Senate or House buildings. So much to see and do, and so little time. We plan to gather up the grandchildren and go back.

Our elected officials want to know what you think. Correspond with them. The strength of our country is its people. And the people must communicate their ideas to our folks in Washington (and Montgomery and Indian Springs) for democracy to grow and prosper. We had 100 million plus vote in the presidential election. If the many millions that did not vote had voted, my guess is that the situation that occurred in Florida would not have been an issue. Get involved, and teach your children to do the same. **There is only one U.S.A., and it's the best!**

Town Council Highlights

January 16, 2001

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place #2

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, January 16, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. at the ISV Town Hall. Mayor Gene Weingarten presided, with council members Herb Robins, Patricia Crapet, Art Johnson, and Brian Stauss present.

In the absence of Town Clerk Paul Stephens, Mayor Gene Weingarten reported the following revenues: beer taxes, \$710; and business licenses, \$435. Figures for the road fund revenue were unavailable. The balance in the general fund was \$102,173, and the road fund balance was \$103,280, as previously reported.

Councilman Herb Robins reported that paving had been completed on McGuire, Wildwood, Pawnee, and Indian Forest. Paving on Valley View Lane would commence as soon as weather permitted. Cold temperatures had temporarily halted paving, with 40 degrees being the minimum for this type of work.

Councilman Brian Stauss reported that the ISV website may be ready for a demonstration at the February council meeting. Indian Springs Village Webmaster Michael Felix showed the council sample pages printed from the website model. Michael is doing this project in connection with obtaining an Eagle Scout badge. Councilman Stauss also presented sample business cards to the council, which he had designed and printed.

Councilwoman Patricia Crapet reported that because reservations for the town hall have dramatically increased, certain procedures for making reservations had been implemented. These procedures were printed in the January issue of *The Village Voice*. Councilwoman Crapet also reported that the next town event would be the Easter Egg Hunt, and that volunteers are badly needed.

Councilman Art Johnson reported that in the year 2000, the average aluminum can collection was 351 pounds. Volunteers are also needed for this worthwhile project. *The Village Voice* is funded by the revenue from aluminum can recycling.

Jerry Templeton, Chairman of the ISV Zoning and Planning Commission, presented the council with a recommendation for approval of a telecommunications site for Nextel. The site would be located on the existing telecommunications tower located on the Davis Plumbing property on Highway 119. The council voted unanimously to approve the measure.

The council voted unanimously to install a weather alert system on the grounds of the ISV Town Hall. The Tempest AC-DC system will be installed on a 65 foot tall pole at a cost of \$12,775. The motion to accept the bid from Thompson Electric was unanimously approved.

Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt, back after a long medical absence, presented the town with a beautiful 3 by 5 foot indoor flag for our council chambers. The flag was donated by the Roland Day and the Kelly Ingram Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

ISV Recycling - February 21

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place #4

Aluminum recycling is Wednesday evening, February 21, at 7:00 p. m. Please put your recycling in white, blue recycling, or clear plastic bags with the tops tied with a knot and place on the other side of your driveway from your trash pickup. Please, no steel cans or glass.

In January the recycling team volunteers were Trudy and Paul Skokel, Wayne Jones and daughter Allie, Warren Jones and son Benjamin, Mary and Russ Favorite, Margie and Herb Robins, and Art Johnson.

If you have not started recycling, please join the growing number of Villagers who are recycling. An aluminum can recycled on Wednesday will be back on the grocery shelf in about 90 days. If put in the trash, it will consume space in our county's landfill.

The Village recycling program is an all-volunteer community project, and our sincere thanks for the support we have received during the past years. Watch for ISV recycling reminders along Highway 119, Indian Crest Drive, and the entrances to Homestead.

Recycling Down Slightly in 2000

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place #4

Last year was another great year for ISV recycling. But, we averaged 350 pounds of aluminum per month compared with 366 pounds per month in 1999. The total for the 11 months in 2000 was 3,858 pounds as compared with the 11-month total in 1999 of 4,027 pounds. The July 1999 collection was such a great month, and we did not do as well in July 2000, and this accounted for the difference. For more information on recycling, please call 988-3217. If you have a pickup truck or trailer and would like to help, please volunteer. Your assistance would really be appreciated.

Building Permit Requests

By Marty Martin, Town Engineer

These requests were approved in January:
294 Highgate Hill, Owens, interior renovation
5560 Cahaba Valley Road, Nextel, antenna
2640 Valleydale Road, Gerald Electric, CATV electrical
4951 Caldwell Mill Lane, Williamson Remodeling, interior renovation.

Easter Egg Hunt Needs You

HELP! If there is going to be an Easter Egg Hunt, we will need volunteers! This ISV institution is in jeopardy, so please call Patricia Crapet - 802-2753 - to volunteer. We need egg stuffers, and lots of helpers to hide eggs and distribute prizes on the day of the hunt. Remember, it's for the children! Don't hesitate...call now!

Around the Village

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Thanks for the ISV Children's Fund

Pat Holder, counselor at Oak Mountain Elementary School, wants Villagers to know how much the school appreciated the help from the ISV Children's Fund. "A simple thank-you is not enough," she said. "I felt like I was the lucky one to get to distribute all the gifts and see those beaming faces," she added. She had high praise for Margie Robins' organizational skills in getting the shopping done for the children (based on needs reported by the counselor) and the gifts wrapped. As usual, many Villagers contributed this year to this very worthy cause, which besides gifts includes monies for such things as school functions which the children would not be able to pay for, and this year, dental work for one child.

Workshop to Focus on Discipline

The Children's Health System and Oak Mountain schools will spotlight a nationally known program called "Smart Discipline for Parents" as part of the Parent College, Oak Mountain High School, on Sunday, Feb. 25, 12:30 -5:00 p.m.

Dr. Mark Viator will conduct the workshop, which will include such topics as building positive self-esteem; how to insure the loving relationship will continue through the teens; why a good discipline program is important; how to decide what behavior needs to be changed; why rules are important; how to design effective rules; how to self-motivate children to follow the rules; and implementing smart discipline.

Prior to Dr. Viator's presentation, children and parents may participate in health screenings and "Ask the Doctor" activities. Children's Health System specialists will answer questions about eating disorders, ADD/ADHD, sexuality, teen pregnancy, HIV prevention, sibling rivalry, general pediatrics and child health.

Health booths will be manned by Children's Health System representatives and merchants. The exhibits, entertainment from all of the Oak Mountain schools, and refreshments are all part of the afternoon's activities.

Decorating Extravaganza Is Coming

Already thinking of spring decorating? A Decorating Extravaganza is coming to Oak Mountain High School on March 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Five seminars, to be held in classrooms, will feature interior designers on subjects such as interior decorating, accessorizing, window treatments, kitchen design, color, faux finishes, and floral design, Jan Henrickson has announced. Besides the seminars there will be a fashion show by Scarlett's Boutique, exhibitors, and a silent auction. Lunch is included in the ticket price, if purchased by March 9. Tickets cost \$25.00 for this fundraiser to benefit the OMHS Band. They are available from Rainbow Paint and Decorating, all Birmingham

locations, Highway 280, Vestavia, Center Point and Irondale; also Trends and Traditions (Cahaba Heights) and Scarlett's Boutique (Southlake Shopping Center). More information is available on this website: <http://omhsband.homestead.com/extrav.html> or call Judy Wood at 969-3129.

Angels Amongst Us

"There must be angels amongst us," declared Lola Stephens in reporting the latest acts of kindness by Villagers for the family in Alabaster that Terry Johnson and her husband, Steve, have befriended. Terry is Paul and Lola's daughter.

Appeals have been made in *The Village Voice* at least three times for this family: for a refrigerator, assistance in housing, a washer & dryer, and for clothing, especially for the children. Very loving and tender toward their children, the parents are disabled and both have been hospitalized since the first of the year, the children staying with an aunt while they recovered.

Lola received a call from an elderly couple in the Village, who wish to remain anonymous. They had made arrangements for a local dentist to fix the 10-year-old boy's teeth, which for reasons unknown, were discolored to the point of being almost black. At the appointed time Lola picked up the children at school and took them to the dentist, who had kept the afternoon free to concentrate on dental work for the boy and his sister. Appointments were also set up for return checks six months later. The little boy got to show off his newly whitened teeth to classmates the very next day.

Additionally, this couple, and their neighbor, a Villager who also wishes to remain anonymous, made arrangements for Lola and the neighbor to take the children shopping at the Galleria and to have lunch there. Participating in the delights of the Galleria was a "first," and the children excitedly picked out clothes like those their peers were wearing.

The angels in guise of Villagers also had purchased and wrapped many Christmas presents which Lola and her daughter delivered to the family.

Again, Villagers have demonstrated their generosity to strangers in need, considering their reward to be the satisfaction and warmth of knowing who clearly benefited.

Library Fees Must be Raised

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The North Shelby Library cannot continue to operate on the \$15 assessment for district homeowners and the 1.75 commercial rates established 13 years ago when the district was established.

This was the message emphasized at the first of three informational meetings held at the library prior to a forthcoming vote to increase the rates to \$40 per household and 2 mills commercial. The facts support the necessity of a raise.

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GOVERNMENTAL DIRECTORY

Elected Representatives & Appointed Officials Listed from the Village to the National Level

Compiled by Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

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(meets 3rd Tuesday of each month at ISV Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.)

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Jim Wyatt, President, Board of Trustees H988-0327;
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Martha Geyer, Vice-President H991-6206; all of Indian Springs.
Other members are Pete Clemens and Sally Cox.

Shelby County Officials

Shelby County Commission (meets 2nd Monday at 8:30 a.m. &
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Sheriff James Jones

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Other Important Numbers:

Alabama Wildlife Rehabilitation Center 663-7930 (located at Oak Mountain State Park) **Animal hot line: 320-6189** (24-hour service)

Game Wardens: Chris Lewis 621-5427

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Tuscaloosa office (205) 339-5716, **Captain Jack Kennedy.**

Shelby County Humane Society Shelter: 669-3916

Shelby County Landfill Office: 669-4169

Federal Postal Inspector: 326-2900 (24-hour service)
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The Feminine Perspective INAUGURATION 2001

By Village First Lady Olivia Weingarten

We left Birmingham on Wednesday (Jan. 17) in pouring rain. We arrived in Washington about 3:00 p.m. to get a taste of their afternoon traffic. Our hotel was in Alexandria, VA, where the Alabama delegation stayed. Mr. Elmer Harris, Alabama Power, invited us to his hospitality suite on Thursday evening.

Friday morning we rode the Metro (rapid transit) into Washington for Congressman Bachus's Open House and lunch. We saw many familiar faces from Alabama. We left there and toured the Smithsonian.

The rain continued to pour and the temperature was in the range of 34-36 degrees. Saturday morning did not bring any change except a light drop in temperature. Gene and I dressed as if we were going to a football game with several extra layers under our rain suits. We rode the Metro into the Capitol area and into a sea of people. Many congressmen had Open House on Saturday morning, but it was a chore to get into the buildings because everyone had to submit to surveillance. Many of the streets were blocked off for security reasons. We had tickets (standing) in an area to the left of the seats in front of the podium. There was also a big screen which showed the procession of the participants as they were announced.

The rain continued to fall, but it was worth the misery. After the inauguration we began to walk in the direction of our seats in the reviewing stands for the parade. We encountered the protestors and were never able to get to our seats. We finally went back to the hotel and watched on television.

We boarded a bus for the ride to the Washington Hilton for the Ball. We visited with people from many states, which was exciting. We also visited with Alabama friends. Vice President Cheney and his wife put in an appearance and danced. It was a thrilling moment when the President and First Lady appeared.

When we left the ballroom and went outside to get on the bus, it had begun to snow.

We attended church at Christ Episcopal Church in Alexandria where George Washington and Robert E. Lee worshiped. It is still a viable parish.

Monday we toured the monuments of Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, the war memorials to Korea, Vietnam, the Marines, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts.

We were honored to be able to observe history in the making.

Inauguration (cont. from Col. 2)

Pastor Kirbyjon H. Caldwell led the benediction, after which the U. S. Army Band played the national anthem. As I turned and looked behind us at the thousands of people who witnessed the ceremony, my heart was humbled. A half-million Americans stood shoulder to shoulder from the Capitol to the Washington Monument in celebration of a new leader.

Leaving the ceremony we realized that rain, dirt, and people can make unbelievable mud. Our journey to the parade route took a lot of patience. We had excellent parade viewing in the offices of Bradley, Arant, Rose, and White. There was little time to ready ourselves for the Inaugural Ball, where Alabama was joined by Alaska, Illinois, Kansas, Louisiana, and Michigan. The Vice-President and Mrs. Cheney and the President and First Lady made appearances and danced, making the evening complete.

Reflections on the Inauguration of Our 43rd President

By State Representative Mary Sue McClurkin, ISV

The inauguration of our 43rd President was a magnificent experience! Van and I left Birmingham at dawn on the morning of Jan. 18th flying to Baltimore, MD. We met friends at the airport and drove to Alexandria, VA. The Alabama Republican Party occupied most of the Holiday Inn in Old Town Alexandria. Alabama Power's Elmer Harris opened a hospitality suite where we enjoyed visiting with friends and neighbors.

Friday began with a breakfast at the Library of Congress with the Family Policy Institute. Dr. James Dobson of Focus on the Family, and Chuck Colson with Prison Fellowship were featured speakers. A Florida resident, Chuck Colson had his voting rights restored for the first time since his conviction for Watergate. He jokingly stated that he didn't know his voting could cause so much trouble.

Congressmen Spencer Bachus and Bob Riley entertained many Alabamians at Open House receptions in their offices in the Cannon Building. Visiting with our Congressmen reminds me of the tremendous service they perform for our state.

Senator Richard Shelby capped off the evening with a reception at the beautiful Ritz Carlton Hotel in downtown Washington. Alabama had over 500 people attending the inauguration, more than our neighboring states. The atmosphere was filled with excitement as loyalists from other states joined together to celebrate the inauguration of the first president of the millennium.

After a stormy election cycle the dawn of a new day began with the peaceful transfer of power to George W. Bush. A wave of cold air swept through Washington and changed the rain of the previous day to frozen rain. President-elect Bush had to make an important decision, whether to move the inauguration ceremony inside the U.S. Capitol or continue with plans outside the West Front. The inclement weather did not hinder the mighty faithful as we braved the elements outside.

Early Saturday morning Van and I rode the Metro to the Capitol area. People were lining the streets in preparation for the day's events. Several Alabama businesses sponsored a reception at the Library of Congress building. We enjoyed visiting with people from across the state, and also having a warm place to rest before beginning the long walk to our seats for the ceremony. Security was tight and we went through metal detectors before entering the area around the Capitol.

As we were seated the United States Marine Band played the prelude. The Hon. Mitch McConnell, U.S. Senator, Kentucky Chairman of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies, gave welcoming remarks and introduced the Rev. Franklin Graham for the invocation. The DuPont Manual High School/Youth Performing Arts School Choir, Louisville, KY, performed a musical selection before the Vice-Presidential oath was administered to Richard B. Cheney by the Chief Justice, U. S. Supreme Court, the Hon. William H. Rehnquist. The U. S. Army Band performed an emotionally-arousing medley of American favorites as we prepared for the Presidential oath.

The Hon. William H. Rehnquist administered the Presidential oath to George W. Bush as tears of joy flowed and the cannons fired. The birds in the reflecting pool beyond the Capitol rose up in unison. What a spectacular sight! The President of the United States gave a magnificent inaugural address. (continued, col. 1)

Library Fees (continued)

A petition has been filed with Probate Judge Patricia Fuhrmeister, who will set the date and place of the election this spring.

Additional meetings will be held Thursday, Feb. 15, 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 18, 2:00 p.m. in the library's meeting room.

Another informational letter will be mailed to district residents prior to the voting.

The meeting on Feb. 8, 10:00 a.m. was attended by friendly residents who asked questions, made suggestions, and showed concern over the library's financial woes, stemming from the debt of constructing the 2.9 million library on Cahaba Valley Road.

The sum of \$40 for homeowners and 2 mills for commercial establishments (including apartment owners) was decided upon after the library conducted surveys of patrons as they visited the library and one by mail to district voters.

To stay open, a bare \$32/year is needed; the remainder will be used to restore hours the library is open back to 58, to buy books and materials, and pay on the mortgage. Any fee increase would not take effect until the following year.

Three Board of Trustee members and Library Director Michael Jones were present to answer questions. Steve Zerkis, trustee from Indian Springs, made a presentation on the history of the library district, facts about the library's construction, and operational costs.

Construction costs went above the original estimate. There were re-locating costs; having a larger library entails increased utility bills. All of the capital funds campaign pledges will be paid by the end of this year. Thus the library will have \$100,000 less income in next year's budget.

One of the mistakes made in the capital funds campaign was reliance on promises of funds which did not materialize, but went for other projects instead. Another was keeping the same dues structure for 13 years. The old library was so small it had gotten to the point that when you added a book you had to take one off the shelves to make room. Then the campaign was launched to build a new library, and this didn't seem the time to ask for a dues increase, it was explained.

The point was made that the number of employees and the new library's size (26,000 sq. ft.) meet only minimum standards set by the Alabama Public Library Service, Montgomery. The size of the new facility is based on state library standards for libraries serving populations of 30,000 people. The North Shelby Library district is now populated by 36,000; population is expected to increase to 60,000 by the year 2010.

You can help by informing your friends and neighbors about North Shelby Library, voting in the upcoming election to increase library dues, and volunteering your time and skills to assist with library programs.

Library Programs Scheduled

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Free AARP Income Tax Preparation

The American Association of Retired Persons offers a program, Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TAX-AIDE), wherein trained volunteers will prepare income tax returns for those needing assistance. AARP TAX-AIDE is open to anyone with low to moderate income with special emphasis for those 60 years and older. There is no charge for this service.

This program is offered on Monday and Wednesday from 11:00 to 3:00 p.m. Please call the library at 439-5555 for an appointment. Bring your 1999 tax returns and 2000 tax information.

Basic Copper Foil Workshop

Classes in the "Tiffany" method of building stained glass windows will begin at North Shelby Library on March 2. Included are instruction in glass selection, cutting and fitting, foiling and soldering to teach you to create your own hand-made stained glass for your home. Also included are glass and supplies to make your own stained glass window. All tools will be provided for classroom use.

Classes will meet at North Shelby Library on March 2, 9, and 16 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The price is \$110.

Registration deadline is Feb. 26 with a limit of 15 students ages 18 and up. Please call 665-5522 to register for class.

Villagers

Celebrate Inauguration in D.C.



Van and Mary Sue McClurkin, Olivia and Gene Weingarten at Presidential Ball Jan. 20, 2001

Village Personals

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Welcome Newcomers

Urmish Patel, wife, Neeta, and son, Kushal, have moved to 225 Cahaba Oaks Trail from Birmingham. Mr. Patel is a hotel broker for the southeast area and owns a shopping center, Valley Avenue Plaza. Neeta helps him with his business, and 10-year-old Kushal attends Oak Mountain Intermediate School as a fourth grader.

Foster and Rosalind Mathews have moved with their son, **David**, from the Huffman area into the Cappy and Pat Potter home at 151 Foxfire Circle. Rosalind is originally from Greensboro and Foster from Tuscaloosa. He retired January 5 after being with Regions Bank since 1965. David is associated with Motion Industries, Irondale.

The Village Voice appreciates the kind words by **Karen Bailey**, who with her husband, **Mark**, and their two girls, ages 10 and 14, have moved into their new home at 197 Cahaba Farms Drive. Karen called to let their *Village Voice* courier know they were new residents.

Congratulations

Ginny Lusk of Auburn Rd. was honored as "Volunteer of the Year" at the Birmingham Botanical Society's annual meeting/social event enjoyed by 200 members and guests. Ginny has been a dedicated member for 25 years.

In Memorium

Mrs. Amelia C. Pacifico, Indian Springs, passed away Feb. 10. Preceding her in death was her husband, Dominick V. Pacifico. Survivors are her son, Dr. Albert D. Pacifico and daughter-in-law, Vicki, of Cahaba Farms Dr., grandchildren Albert D. Pacifico II of Seattle, WA, Nicole M. and Paul V. Pacifico of Indian Springs. Services were Feb. 13 at Our Lady of the Valley Church with burial at Southern Heritage.

George R. Johnson, 61 Valley View Road, died suddenly at home on Jan. 13 of cancer. Mr. Johnson had undergone surgery for colon cancer two and a half years ago and has since had treatments. Survivors are his wife, Bertie, one daughter of Ft. Walton Beach, FL, and two grandchildren, one of whom is staying with Mrs. Johnson while she recovers from the loss of her husband. Services were held Jan. 17 at Southern Heritage funeral chapel with burial in the Southern Heritage mausoleum.

The Village Voice appreciates being notified by Frances Williamson of the passing away of three residents on Skyline Drive from December 6-13. Bill and Shirley Renshaw wrote the following for our newsletter:

"**Little**" **Charlie Wolf**, mother of ISV resident Amy Hale of 126 Skyline Drive, died on Dec. 6 after a lengthy illness. Mrs. Wolf, a Montgomery native, was born in Haleburg, AL. She had been living with Amy and Dewayne Hale for the last 10 years.

John Edward Davidson, resident at 143 Skyline Drive, died Dec. 13 after a lengthy illness. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn; two daughters, Alicia Atchley of Brook Highlands and Laura Meadows

of Montgomery; brothers Donald of Hueytown, Jim of San Antonio, TX, and Joe of Tuscaloosa, and seven grandchildren.

Mr. Davidson was a member of Lakeside Baptist Church, a veteran of the U. S. Army, retired from Bruno's, and a graduate of Auburn University.

Dorothy Dean Hinton Tate of 134 Skyline Dr., died December 10 after a seven-year fight with cancer. Dorothy was a member of the 1949 class of Woodlawn High School. She attended Jefferson State Community College after her children were grown, to become a librarian.

Mrs. Tate was active in the Cahaba Girl Scout Council as a troop leader, council cookie chairman, and for many years as a trainer of adult scout leaders. Her love of flowers and for travel was contagious.

She was co-owner and founder of Birmingham Two Way, which she operated for over 30 years, along with her husband, until her retirement.

Dorothy is survived by her husband of 50 years, Harold Tate, Captain, USNR-Ret.; her stepmother, Helen Hinton, daughter, Ivy Ione Brown, two sons, Kenneth Tate and Charles Tate; three brothers, Raymond Hinton, Jimmy Hinton, and Walter Davis; a sister, Lois Harris. She is also survived by four grandchildren.

A Letter to Villagers

Dear Villagers,

Our Jan. 25 meeting of the Indian Springs Garden Club/Welcome Committee got us off to a great start for the year 2001. We are diligently planning to landscape the entrance sign on 119. If you have any donations you would like to make for the landscaping, please call. We will be scheduling a workday soon; anyone interested in helping out, we need you! We need a good strong guy to dig some holes for us! We have also planned for our annual garage sale to be held on April 21st. If you have any items you would like to donate for the garage sale, please call Laura Jones at 991-0902 or Phelan Webb, 987-8665. As you know, this benefits our community and pays for various projects to beautify our area and for the welcome baskets we give to the newcomers. We will come and pick up the items or you can drop them off.

We are excited about springtime! On Friday, May 4th, we have made reservations for a tour of Petals of the Past located in Jemison. The tour starts at 10:00 a.m. and lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. If you are interested in going, please call Marge Dunn at 987-4765 to reserve your spot.

Our next meeting will be held at the town hall on Feb. 22.

Our meetings are always on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. We are still taking new members. If you live in Indian Springs or own property here, you can become a member. We have a lot of fun and are looking for a great year ahead. Give me a call!

Sincerely,

Phelan Webb, President