

# The Piedmont Piper



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OUR HOPE IS IN THE FUTURE

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## From the President's Desk



**James M. McIntire**

It occurs to me as we start a new year that it might be helpful, particularly for some of our newer members, to outline how we will be proceeding this year. Older members will spot the changes made either at the December meeting of the BOM or by changes to our By

Laws voted into effect at our Annual Meeting last month. I would like to continue the practice started last year by Past President Carl Tanner of having Committee Reports submitted electronically for attachment to the Minutes of our Regular Meetings rather than having them read. This practice, followed at meetings of the State BOM, makes meetings more efficient and prevents them from becoming excessively lengthy. Consistent with this approach, I would appreciate being notified not later than one week in advance of our meetings of any items that anyone would like to be placed on the agenda. Presentation of items not placed on the agenda will be discouraged. It is good to remember that "the brain can only absorb what the rear end can endure".

Meetings of the Piedmont Chapter's

## *Upcoming Events*

### **Color Guard Highlights**

**15 March—Guilford Courthouse,  
Greensboro, N.C., 1100 hrs.**

**4-5 Apr—GA Soc, Ann Mtg.,  
Athens, GA**

BOM will continue to be held on a quarterly basis starting in March and will be held in the same location as the Regular Meeting and immediately following it. Although it will not be required, Committee Chairmen are strongly urged to attend and participate in these meetings to insure the coordination and smooth functioning of Chapter activities. This change was implemented at the December 2007 meeting of the BOM and resulted in a much more informative and effective meeting.

I have heard from some members that the existence and functioning of the BOM is a "great mystery". That certainly should not be, nor was it ever intended to be, the case. To guard against the continuance of this belief and to encourage more active participation of our membership in Chapter activities, I will welcome the attendance of any of our members at meetings who feel inclined to attend. I must point out  
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Saturday, March 15, 2008  
**March Chapter Meeting**  
Holiday Inn  
909 Holcomb Bridge Rd  
Roswell, GA  
8:00 a.m. Breakfast  
8:30 a.m. Meeting  
**Speaker:**  
**Linda Schultz**  
Fulton Co. School Board

Saturday, April 19, 2008  
**April Chapter Meeting**  
Holiday Inn  
900 Holcomb Bridge Rd.  
Roswell, GA  
8:00 a.m. Breakfast  
8:30 a.m. Meeting  
**Speaker:**  
**Sam Olens**  
Atlanta Reg. Planning Com.



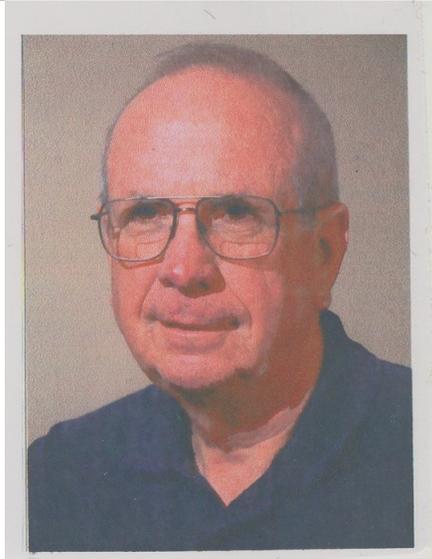
that, although it is our desire that meetings of the BOM be open to all, only members of the BOM will be entitled to vote.

Recognizing that the many awards that have been conferred on the Piedmont Chapter over the years came not from attending meetings but from the excellent work done by the Chapter's Committees, I would like to encourage our new members to familiarize themselves with the Committee descriptions contained in our current Membership Directory, select a Committee or Committees on which to work and notify the Chairman or Chairmen of the Committee(s) selected of their interest.

There have been cases in the past in which we have lost members because they felt ignored and were never asked to participate. To me that is one of our greatest tragedies. To insure that we avoid this sin of omission I would like to encourage our Committee Chairmen to take the time to visit with our new members, learn their interests and get them involved in our Chapter's activities. This will not only improve our bench strength for future Committee Chairmen and Officers, it will also strengthen the fellowship we enjoy when we gather. Like all organizations, the life blood of the Piedmont Chapter is the recruiting, training, mobilization and retention of new members.

Finally, for all members, let me encourage each of you to invite wives, other family members and friends to attend our meetings. Seek out opportunities for our Speakers' Bureau to tell our story to civic and community groups. Use the slide show developed by our Webmaster, Paul Simpson, and shown at our December meeting to make presentations yourself. Down load the *Piedmont Piper* and attach it to emails directing your friends to our web site to stimulate their interest. Inform Col. George Thurmond of publications that should receive his press releases. I know of nothing that is more motivational than the knowledge that you are part of the best there is. The Piedmont Chapter's record speaks for itself.

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**MEET BOB SHAW**  
**Piedmont Chapter Vice President**  
**and Treasurer**

Bob Shaw was born June 20, 1934 in Henry County, Georgia to Leo and Candace Shaw. His father was a farmer and a school bus driver.

He graduated from McDonough High School in 1950 and went to work for Western Electric Company in the Mail Room. Due to his age, 16, he came under the child labor laws of the State of Georgia whereby he could not work more than 8 hours per day or 48 hours per week. Every six months a report had to be filed with the State certifying that no employee under 18 years of age was working more than 8 hours per day.

While actively employed he attended the Atlanta Division of the University of Georgia, now Georgia State University, at night and earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1956. He was drafted into the Army in December 1956 and served two years as an accounting clerk in the Ranger and R.O.T.C. training facility at Fort



Fort Benning. After his army service he returned to work at Western Electric and retired in 1989 as a District Manager from AT&T with over 38 years service.

He has been active in community service for many years. He was elected to the Cobb County Board of Education, where he served for 10 years when he decided not to run for another four year term in 1989. In 1991 he went to work for the Cobb County Board of Education where he served for 10 years, when he decided not to run for another four year term in 1989. In 1991 he went to work for the Cobb County-School System as Cash and Investment Manager and retired from this position in 2001. He has been actively involved in the East Cobb Lions Club where he held several leadership positions including President. He is currently on the Board of Trustees for the Cobb County Educational Foundation , where he is also the Secretary. In November 2007 he was honored as the East Cobb Citizen of the Year for his volunteer efforts in the community. In the Piedmont Chapter he is known as the "money man" or Treasurer and is the current Vice President in addition to his Treasurer's duties.

In his leisure time he enjoys reading, traveling, internet surfing and playing golf. Bob and his wife, Beth, have been married for 54 years and have two children, Mika, 48, of Marietta and Brian, 45, of Murphy, Texas. They have six grandchildren, including twins, and one great grandson. One of the twins, Austin Chatham, is a junior member of the Piedmont Chapter and is featured in the activities portion of the Chapter's web page at the marking of his fifth great-grandfather's grave.

Bob and his grandson , Austin, were accepted as member and junior member in 2004 under the service of Revolutionary War Private Zachariah Kitchens, who fought in South Carolina. Bob enjoys the camaraderie of the Piedmont Chapter compatriots and participating in grave marking.

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**Excerpts from the first  
Piedmont Piper**

From the President’s Message (January 1995)

By: Compatriot Frank Darwin, Founding President

“I am very pleased to be communicating with you through our new official newsletter. It’s reality is one of many opportunities that have come through for us this year.”

“My personal welcome to new member Herman Tovey, our *Piedmont Piper* Editor. Herman is an energetic, imaginative person who has volunteered to serve in the capacity of editor of the *Piedmont Piper* as well as on the Publicity and Awards Committee. In connection with the newsletter we owe a debt of gratitude to Claude Snow for his assistance with graphics and printing for the current issue and the upcoming Piedmont Membership Directory.”

**About Your Newsletter**

(from the *Piedmont Piper* January 1995.)

By: **Compatriot Herman Tovey**

It is an honor to be your Chapter Newsletter Editor. I am a transferee from the Texas Society where I joined the SAR in 1992. Born and raised in the Southeast, specifically Charleston, my family and I are thankful to be back in the Southeast with no thoughts of ever leaving again.

I am past president of the Mesquite Chapter located in Dallas County, Texas and an old newsletter man. I look forward to working on your chapter newsletter.

The objective of *The Piedmont Piper* is to be both informative and entertaining. In addition to The President’s Message, the *Piper* will contain several feature articles: *Compatriot Americanism* will be an article submitted by a Compatriot in our chapter on an Americanism theme or directly related to our war for independence. It can be original or from another source. *Compatriot Sketch* will be a brief

biographical profile of one of our chapter members. Please refer to the insert for more information on this article.

*From the Chaplain’s Desk* will be a brief message from our chapter chaplain on an appropriate subject. We will publish *Compatriot Birthdays* and feature a little quiz to test your historical knowledge. On the last page will appear *The Piper’s Query* to provide a little bit of fun. Feed back is encouraged—all ideas welcome.

Again let me say thanks for the opportunity to serve you and our brotherhood. I will try not to disappoint you.

**Excerpt from The Piedmont Piper  
November 1995:**

**THE PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

By Compatriot Merrill Law

“Last week I was told our fine editor would be moving away. That meant finding another editor for the *Piper*, so I started to look for someone that would continue the fine job. It was easy. Compatriot **Jack McCord** will be our editor after the first of the year. Jack is the best at everything, always willing to help. Please, everyone help Jack with items to publish. Jack has undertaken many tasks for the Chapter and did a fine job on all of them. Thanks Jack, just tell us what you need.”

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From the  
President’s Desk

**Larry Guzy**  
President, Piedmont Chapter

We have had two superb newsletter editors who have done such a great job that it is hard to imagine how to top their efforts. **Jack McCord** had tendered his resignation effective with our annual meeting. Thank you, Jack, for everything you have done. I know our next editor will have a good teacher. Anyone interested in an exciting job?

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**Piedmont Chapter Membership  
Report for 2007**

New Members:	10
Members at Beginning of Term:	76
Members at End of Term:	76
Transfers In:	8
(5 transfers in; 3 reinstatements)	
Transfers Out:	18
(2 transfers out; 16 dropped for Dues)	
Number of Deaths:	0

**Thoughts for Today**

God won’t ask what kind of car you drove, but He’ll ask how many people you drove who didn’t have Transportation.

God won’t ask the square footage of your house, but He’ll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.

God won’t ask about the clothes you had in your closet, but He’ll ask how many you helped to clothe.

God won’t ask what your highest salary was, but He’ll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.

God won’t ask what your job title was, but He’ll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.

God won’t ask how many friends you had, but He’ll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.

God won’t ask in what neighborhood you lived, but He’ll ask how you treated your neighbors.

God won’t ask about the color of your skin, but He’ll ask about the content of your character.

God won’t ask why it took so long to seek salvation, but He’ll lovingly take you to your mansion in heaven, and not to the gates of Hell.

—From *Pricilla’s Pursuits*  
May 19, 2005



### Economic Stimulus Tax Rebate

In recent weeks it has been announced in the news that many taxpayers are to receive a rebate of part of their taxes in an effort to stimulate a somewhat sluggish economy. The following memo from U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein explains how this will work.

“Thank you for writing regarding the U.S, economy and economic stimulus legislation. Your correspondence is important to me, and I welcome the opportunity to respond.

“On February 13,2008, the President signed the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 into law. The legislation provides a maximum \$600 tax rebate to individuals and a \$1,200 rebate to couples, including seniors on fixed incomes and disabled veterans. An additional \$300 rebate is also provided for each dependent child. Eligibility for these rebates is phased out for individuals with 2007 adjusted gross incomes over \$75,000 and couples over \$150,000.

“The bill also provides tax incentives for small businesses and increases limits on government-backed home loans, so more Californians can buy homes or refinance at lower rates. Specifically, the bill increases the Federal Housing Administration loan limit to \$729,750, and temporarily increases the Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac conforming loan limits to \$729,750. While, regretfully, the legislation does not include extended unemployment benefits or end efficiency tax

incentives, I am hopeful it will provide targeted relief to struggling American families, while contributing to economic growth.

“In order to receive a stimulus rebate, individuals must have a valid Social Security number and file a 2007 tax return. For more detailed information about the stimulus rebate filing the necessary 2007 tax return, please visit the “Rebate Questions” page accessible from the Internal Revenue Service homepage at <http://www.irs.gov>.

“Again, thank you for writing. If you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact my Washington, D.C. office at (202) 224-3841. Best regards,

Sincerely yours, Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senator”

### INTRODUCTION TO SOURCE BOOK

The chapters within the Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution), while all functioning basically under the Constitution and By-laws of the National and State Societies, have different and varying requirements.

This diversity is the result of the size, location, membership and conditions which vary among chapters throughout Georgia. For instance, large chapters may require seven or more officers, while small ones do fine with four or five. Activities also vary.

The Source Book is designed to provide a road map for creating new chapters as well as to suggest and discuss ways successful chapters may operate in the Society, irrespective of their inherent differences. One might refer to this publication as a “How To” manual.

The word *MUST* will seldom be used. Rules and regulations change from time to time and these directives will come from the State and National Societies between publications or updates of our CD. They will be filtered to the chapters through correspondence, publications and other means. The Georgia Society’s quarterly newsletter, The Hornet’s Nest, is a valuable tool for

keeping abreast of rules and current happenings as well.

This SourceBook was originally conceived and initiated to be a convenient reference for all members, especially for chapter officers. That original mission is still valid. This effort has also involved the re-arrangement of the material in a more “user friendly” order. This was done after many comments from those compatriots who have used the Source Book since its original publication.

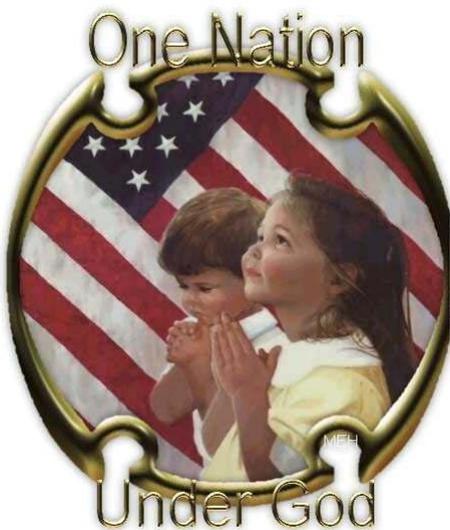
In order for this reference guide to be useful, all members must be told of its existence. Each chapter should have its own CD, for ready reference by the chapter president and secretary, and it should be a resource to all its members. *In that regard we would like to encourage all new chapter officers to review Section 6.5 Officers contained within 6.0 Creating and Governing New GASSAR Chapters for some general guidelines/responsibilities of the various officers. Special attention should be made to that very important position of Chapter Secretary, particularly as it relates to his reporting responsibilities.*

It should be recognized that the work done on this project could not have been accomplished had it not been for the work and diligence of the original task force that put the first issue together. Although, it has been proofed by a team of compatriots, you will find errors. Just let us know and they will be corrected during subsequent updates. There are no copyright infringements here. Copy what you need and copy at will.

Your Georgia Society’s leadership’s hope is, that your Source Book will be both educational and an excellent reference manual. Let’s go create chapters.

**NOTE: The Source Book may be accessed at [www.sourcebook.gassar.org](http://www.sourcebook.gassar.org) or from our state web page [www.georgiasocietysar.org](http://www.georgiasocietysar.org).**

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**CAMELIA SIMS**  
**The First Commander-in-Chief**  
(Reprinted from "History Tidbits," Jan/Feb 08)

George Washington, the first commander-in-chief of the American forces, was the action hero of the eighteenth century and the indispensable leader of the American Revolution.

In 1775 the Second Continental Congress voted to create the Continental Army and appointed George Washington as its general and commander-in-chief. General Washington's vision for the Continental Army was that of a force serving its country as the guarantor of its liberty. In the eighteenth century, that was a revolutionary idea in itself.

The first American army had none of the advantages of our modern, well-trained, and well-armed military. The soldiers were short-term, untrained volunteers who enlisted for only a few months or a year at a time. Washington's first mission was to mold the undisciplined men into an effective army.

Without enough trained soldiers and supplies to fight an aggressive war, Washington's strategy was to conduct a defensive war. Whenever possible he avoided direct confrontation with the superior British forces. He understood that final success could be achieved only if he prevented the destruction of the patriotic yet inexperienced American army.

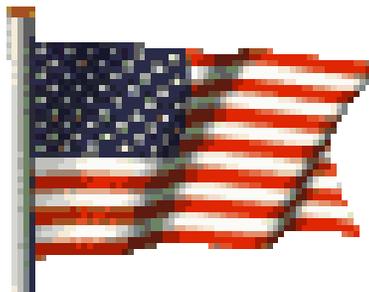
From the beginning, the Continental

Army was troubled by many hardships, including inadequate arms and too little ammunition, provisions, and money. The army had no uniforms; the men considered themselves lucky if they had worn-out clothes and shoes. Food was not only expensive but also in short supply. As the war lingered on, it brought hunger to the troops and much of the population.

One of the better-known periods of the war is the winter of 1777-78, when the army set up quarters in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. To protect themselves from the bitter cold, the soldiers cut down trees and constructed crude huts. Most of their clothes were so worn-out they were in tatters. Some soldiers were without shoes and had to walk barefoot in the snow, bleeding with each step they took. Amazingly Washington and the Continental Army survived the winter and continued to fight. Keeping the Continental Army united despite a superior enemy and lack of resources was one of the miracles of the Revolutionary War. It was one of General Washington's greatest accomplishments.

The American victory at Yorktown in 1781 resulted in the British surrender, and the peace treaty was signed in September 1783. After eight and a half years, when Washington held more power than any other man in America, he resigned his commission and returned home. He thus set the example of the ideal military leader. A victorious general giving up his power voluntarily was unheard of in the eighteenth century, and that was part of Washington's greatness.

Camelia Sims is a speaker and the co-author of *George Washington: a Timeless Hero*.



**COLOR GUARD SCHEDULE**  
**1 March—1 May 08**

- 1 Mar—Leadership Training, Forsyth, GA, 1000 hours.
- 8 Mar—225th Anniv of Last Naval Battle of Rev. War, Cape Canaveral, FL, 1000 hours.
- 15 Mar—Guilford Courthouse, Greensboro, NC, 1100 hrs.
- 29 Mar—Lumsden Grave Marking, Shady Grove, GA, 1000 hrs.
- 4-5 Apr— GA Society Ann Meeting, Athens, GA.
- 12 Apr—Halifax Day, Halifax, NC, 1400 hrs.
- 12 Apr—Grave Marking sponsored by Marquis de Lafayette Chapter, near Kettle Creek.
- 17 Apr—Blue Star Proclamation, Ala. State Capitol, Montgomery, AL, 1500 hrs.
- 19 Apr—Patriot's Day, St Simons, GA, 0900 hrs.
- 23 Apr—Tour de Georgia, Washington, GA, 1000 hrs.
- 26 April—Ramsour's Mill, Lincolnton, NC, 1000 hrs.

—Paul Prescott,

**MORE THOUGHTS FOR TODAY**

Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?  
Noah; he was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

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Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?  
Pharaoh's daughter; she went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.



**Essay Contest Winners**

**Matthew R. Gordon**, pictured above, was awarded the Outstanding Citizenship Award and pin as Chapter Winner of the Knight Essay Contest.

**John D. Washburn**, pictured below, was awarded the Lawrence W. Maurer, Jr. Eagle Scout Program Award. John is an Eagle Scout and is also a Sea Scout with "Ship 22".



**NASSAR President's Recommendation for New SAR Headquarters Building**

In our January issue we reviewed a proposal to acquire a building in Louisville, KY to house our proposed new museum and national headquarters. In the current issue (Winter 2008) of the SAR Magazine, NASSAR President General Bruce A. Wilcox submitted a special report, strongly advocating the purchase and renovation of the Fulton Conway Building on Main Street across from the Louisville Slugger Museum and near the Frazier History Museum. In his report President Wilcox compares the Fulton Conway Building with the Kentucky Opera Building, which has also been under consideration. The FCB is two stories high with a full basement, which he feels would be an excellent fit for our staff, museum and library. The KOB is five stories tall, and the asking price is \$600,000 more than for the FCB. Please refer to President Wilcox' article in the SAR magazine for a thorough comparison.



**Installation of Piedmont Chapter Officers For 2008 Term**

At our Annual Banquet on the evening of February 16 our new chapter officers were officially installed. Pictured above at the far right is President **James McIntire**. The other officers, from left to right, are **Bob Sapp**, Registrar; **Tom Davis**, Sergeant-at-Arms; **Scott Ray**, Editor, Piedmont Piper; **Carl Bhame**, Secretary; **Bobby Shaw**, Vice President and Treasurer; **Al Finley**, Chaplain; and **Robert Allgood**, Historian. Web Master **Paul Simpson** and Chancellor **Eric Thorstenberg** were not present for the photo.

Our Annual Banquet was held in the dining room adjacent to our regular meeting place at the Holiday Inn at 909 Holcomb Bridge Road in Roswell. It was originally planned that the Banquet would be at Founders Hall on Canton Street in Roswell. This was reported in the January edition of the *Piper*, but two days after the *Piper* went to print, the location was changed to the Holiday Inn. Your Editor sincerely regrets any inconvenience this may have caused.





### Congressman Tom Price

At our January Meeting , Congressman Tom Price, was our principal speaker. At the end of the meeting he surprised many of us by becoming a member of the Piedmont Chapter.

Compatriot Price is recognized as a vibrant leader in Georgia and a diligent and tireless problem solver in Congress.

First elected to Congress, representing the Sixth District of Georgia, in November 2004, Price was re-elected with broad support in both the primary and general elections in 2006. Prior to going to Washington, Price served four terms in the Georgia State Senate—two as Minority Whip. In 2002 he became the first Republican Majority Leader in the History of Georgia. This year he was promoted to Deputy Whip, part of the Republican Leadership Team.

In Congress, Price’s priorities are reforming the tax system, bringing common sense to the litigation system, and finding transportation solutions for Atlanta’s residents and commuters. Congressman Price serves on the Committee on Education and Labor, as well as the Committee on Financial Services in which he is the Deputy Ranking Member of the Financial Institutions Subcommittee.

Congressman Price received a Doctor of Medicine Degree from the University of Michigan and completed his Orthopaedic Surgery residency at Emory University. Price established an orthopaedic clinic just north of Atlanta. After nearly twenty years of private practice he returned to Emory University School of Medicine as an Assistant Professor. Before coming to Congress, Price was Medical Director of the Orthopaedic Clinic at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, teaching resident doctors in training.

Price is active in the Atlanta community, is a past president of the Roswell Rotary Club, and has served on various other boards and organizations.



**President-Elect Jim McIntire welcomes new member, Congressman Tom Price**



**Georgia Secretary of State, Karen Handel, being presented the framed SAR Speakers Certificate**

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The Piedmont Chapter serves communities of the northern suburbs of Atlanta, Georgia including Cobb, Forsyth, Cherokee and Northern Fulton County. Meetings are held monthly throughout the year on the third Saturday at 8:30 a.m. in the Double Tree Hotel, 1075 Holcomb Bridge Road, Roswell, Georgia. Most members choose to arrive by 8:00 a.m. to enjoy breakfast together. The cost is \$15.00 each.

Prospective members are always welcome at monthly membership meetings. Men and boys who are interested in documenting their relationship to their American Revolutionary ancestors and in joining an active group with similar interests are urged to contact the **Chapter Registrar, Robert A. Sapp at 770-971-0189** or any other chapter officer.

(Youth Memberships are available for applicants under 18).

Please send all inquires and suggestions to the editor at the address shown below.

**DEADLINE FOR MATERIAL TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT EDITION:**

The last Monday of the month preceding the date of issue. Please send all articles and photos as early as possible because the space available in the newsletter is often filled prior to the deadline date. Pictures will be scanned and returned to the sender.

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