



## Welcome to New Neighbors

Retired attorney Stephen S. Gerard recently moved to East Henry St. Read more about him on page 2.

### Contacts:

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**Receive** GNA email, by contacting Tommy Daniels at [kouprey@earthlink.com](mailto:kouprey@earthlink.com).

**Check out** the GNA web site at [www.gordonston.com](http://www.gordonston.com).

**Send** story ideas to Meaghan at [info@mwgerard.com](mailto:info@mwgerard.com).

**A full directory** of neighborhood contacts can be found on page 4.



# HUGE THANKS

*to so many...*

## Gordonston once again won the "Rock Around The Block" Neighborhood Contest!

There are many people to thank for their donations and efforts. There are so many to thank, so look for them throughout this issue.

Whether you helped to create decorations, donated your time with set-up, or simply came out to cheer the runners, thank you. It truly was a neighborhood effort.

**You rock, Gorstonston!**

## New Neighbors

Stephen S. Gerard recently moved into a home on the 1900 block of E. Henry St. He is originally from Bronx, NY and went to school at NYU. He served eighteen years in the Army while raising his family in NJ. He spent most of his career as an immigration attorney for a pharmaceutical company. He moved with his wife Nancy to Savannah (her hometown) in 2000 to retire.

After the loss of Nancy, he decided to sell his home on the islands and move closer to family. His son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Meaghan Gerard are happy to have him so close and have already been introducing him around the neighborhood. He is also the proud grandfather of three.



## Gordonston Book Club

### December 8: Holiday Social

Host: Gelcys Nielson

Theme: OLÉ! Hispanic, from around the world!

### January 12: *Serena*, by Ron Rash

Host: Kay Tucker

Reviewer: Kate Marsters

### February 9: *The Nineteenth Wife* by David Ebershoff

Host: Judi Painter

Reviewer: Cat Insley

**Book club is open to all Gordonston women. Anyone who would like more info, please call Kate at 232-3963.**

## Gordonston Garden Club News

*Growing Seed and Community Together:* The garden club got off to a delayed but exciting start this year, when speaker Diana Churchill had to delay her October presentation. But, the gardeners were still busy! Members, led by Jack Taylor, helped get the Gordonston Marker ship shape for the Rock and Roll Marathon festivities. They also organized a Memorial Tree planting for long-time Gordonston Resident Betty Smith. On November 2, over fifty family members, neighbors, and guests joined together to celebrate Betty's life by planting a lovely white camellia along the front walk. Betty -- who lived in and loved Gordonston for over 80 years -- was an avid gardener, a long time garden club member, and an advocate for our community and its natural spaces. She successfully lobbied the city to plant trees along the Kinzie Ave. median, further beautifying our community. After the reading of several special poems by Betty's beloved niece, Andrea Smith of Charleston, SC, family and friends placed and planted the camellia knowing that Betty's deep roots in our community will always be honored.

The next garden club meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2015. Please make plans to join us. We would love to see you there. ~Alice Henrick, President

**Colleen and Daniel Greene**

tied the knot on October 25th at Camp Villa Marie. Colleen says, "We met our junior year

of high school at state rifle championships. I kicked his booty." Daniel works at Thomas & Hutton Engineering. The couple lives on East Henry Street.



In Memoriam

Gordonston recently lost three of its long time residents.

**Annie Coats Jackson** was born in 1934 in Wheeler County, Georgia. She earned multiple degrees from Albany State, Atlanta University, University of Michigan, and Georgia Southern. She taught for many years in the local Savannah school system and was active in numerous professional, social and civic organizations. Mrs. Jackson lived in Gordonston on Kinzie and Atkinson Avenue. Family members have requested donations to the memorial scholarship fund in her name, care of 102 Atkinson Ave.

**Martha "Betty" Smith** was born and lived in Savannah her entire life. She attended Armstrong Junior College, as it was called then. She worked at Great Dane Trailers for 44 years before retiring to her house on Kinzie Avenue. Neighbors remembered her green thumb by planting a tree in Juliette Low Park (read more about that in the Garden Club News).



**Alice Roberts Blank**, resident of Gordonston since 1939, passed away at the age of 99. She was born in Savannah in 1915 and graduated with a fine arts degree from the College of William & Mary. She returned to marry Clyde Blank and the couple built their home on Kentucky Avenue, and she continued to pursue her art. She was interviewed in the winter 2011 newsletter by Julia Williams and Judi Painter. From that article: *Her paintings are in private collections across the US as well as in family members' homes. One large abstract painting titled "Strata" hangs over the sofa; it has won awards in five cities, quite an accomplishment for any artist. The Telfair Museum has two of Alice's works in its permanent collection.* Though she was largely homebound in her final years, she remained a vibrant neighbor.

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*GNA Officer  
Nominations*

We'll be electing new GNA officers at the Christmas party on Saturday evening Dec 13th. A call for nominations is included with this newsletter as an insert and will have a deadline of **December 10.**

Before nominating someone, you must contact those you have in mind and verify there are willing to run and serve.

Return nomination forms to:

PO BOX 3723,  
Savannah, GA  
31414

or hand deliver to Shirley Munderloh at 11 Edgewood.

**Thank you for considering this important service to neighborhood.**

# 2014/5 GNA MEMBERSHIP HONOR ROLL

Abigail Adams  
 Otto & Margaret Aliffi  
 Chris & Krista Aliffi  
 Barrett & Pam Benton  
 Bob & Betty Bess  
 Alice Blank  
 Dee & Brenda Bowers  
 AJ & BONnie Carter  
 Ryan & Tori Chandler  
 John & Suzanne Cone  
 Linda Cone  
 Tommy & Dottie Daniels  
 Jim & Karen Davis  
 Todd & Kim Dulek  
 Ian & Peggy Elliott  
 Susan & Buck Elliott  
 Ann Ellis & Jeni Ellis Riggs  
 Jerry Fath  
 Brendan & Carey Ferrara  
 Edward & Rosita Fletcher  
 Mars, Soo, David Frisher  
 Emily Garrard & Stuart Chatham  
 Jenny L. Gentry  
 Cooper & Deborah Glenn  
 Daniel Greene & Colleen Sheffield  
 Bob & Betty Haldeman  
 Nancy Hayward, Rachel & Allie  
 Lynette & Scottie Hendrix  
 Bob Henning & Cat Insley  
 Alice Henrick & Carl Biathrow  
 John Hudson  
 Annie Jackson  
 Billy, Debbie, & Clay James  
 Peggy Jolley  
 Jamie & Mary Ann Kavanagh  
 Jessica & Joa Kelly, Nancy Poser

Greg & Nell Keyes  
 Charlotte Landon & Robert Trithart  
 James & Lisa Langley  
 Louis & Charlene Law  
 Katie McIntyre  
 Mick & Connie McCay  
 McKay, Dot  
 Melissa Mauldin & Tony  
 Migchelbrink  
 Sharon, Kelly, & Orion Marden  
 Gene & Kate Maria  
 Kate Marsters  
 Mike & Nancy Martin  
 Bernice, Robert, & Muriel Miller  
 Mike Moran & Denise Dawson  
 Joel & Kathy Matulys  
 Andy Mullally & Matt Toole  
 Roger & Shirley Munderloh  
 Libby Fay & David Mustoe  
 Fred & Legare Nadelman  
 Jens Nejsgaard & Stella Berger  
 Gelys Nielsen  
 Jackie & Gary Ogden  
 Tom & Laura Oliver  
 Paul & Judi Painter  
 Don Palmer, MD, & Gloria Silver  
 Kristen Parent  
 Bobby & Sheila Phillips  
 Katherine & Oliver Raffray  
 Jo Ranow  
 Kelly Reed & Mark Dennen  
 Beth Reiter  
 Christopher & Colleen Reynolds  
 Kristine Rice & Jeffrey Baker  
 Sue & Emily Richards & Jack  
 Jerry & Lu Riley

Charles Robertson  
 Christopher J. Schreck  
 Patricia & Nancy Schreck  
 Willie & Marie Smalls  
 Betty Smith  
 Steven R. Smith  
 Sylvia S. Smith  
 Curtis & Tracy Smith  
 Cima Starr  
 Ellie Tardiff & James Rowe  
 Jack Taylor  
 Alfonso Walker  
 Angela Watkins  
 Daniel & Kristin Weiner  
 Julia & Charles Williams  
 Jack & Beth Wilson  
 Mary Zipser

**Recent additions:**

Meaghan & Steve Gerard  
 Keisha Marsters, Alexis Desutko & Ava Hayward  
 Darlie Clary  
 Michael Campbell & Kirsten Krause  
 Angela & Tommy Williams  
 Brooks & Mary Dawson  
 Mary B. Sullivan  
 Laura Grifka & Deborah Adams  
 Marjorie Thompson, Kevin Johns & Dagmawit Ionno

# CELEBRATIONS

## ROCK 'N' ROLL MARATHON NOVEMBER 8 2014



## Halloween Hike October 25, 2014

A huge thanks to Emily and Sue Richards for organizing the annual Halloween Hike!

# THANK YOU

From Jack Taylor: Thank you to Kim and Todd for all their hard work. I hear that the pains of childbirth are forgotten after the arrival of the newborn. I have several great memories of the arrival of the mums. Alice, Lea, Beth, Thomas, Tilly and Jack had a great time unloading the 120 mums. The photo shoot afterwards can testify to that. Moss was gathered by many neighbors for bedding down the mums. Thanks to Savannah Park and Tree for piling collected moss afterwards. They did a great clean-up of the circle and medians. Thanks to James Cunningham's crew for piling up moss in the park after all their tree work in the park. Thanks to those neighbors who collected moss and thanks to those that delivered it to the different locations prior to the marathon. Thanks to all those early risers who helped place the mums throughout Gordonston. I remember Mick McCay asking me what to do with the mums. Angela Watkins was like the energizer bunny collecting and displaying mums and moss. I was working around the marker and Circle and did not get to witness those that decorated Kinzie, Atkinson and Goebel Aves, and other locations. Thanks to all those volunteers. During the marathon several neighbors participated in handing out mum bouquets to passing runners. One neighbor got a British kiss of gratitude. We all witnessed the smiles and heard the many offerings of thanks. Char and Robert got into the spirit with Robert joining the race to hand out flowers. Hailee and Donna even managed to give a bouquet to Eric VFB. It was great fun. Thanks to anyone I failed to recognize. Job well done. Take a much earned bow.

To those who purchased mums for the race course:

Arcos, Craig & Lisa; Benton, Barrett & Pam; Bess, Betty, Biathrow/Henrick, Carl & Alice; Bowers, Dee & Brenda; Campbell, Mike/ Krause, Kirsten; Cone, Suzanne & John; Crone, Linda; Daniels, Tommy & Dottie; Davis, Karen & Jim; Dawson, Denise/Moran, Mike; Ferrara, Brendan & Carey; Frischer, Marc & Soo Yacker; Gentry, Jenny; Glenn, Deborah & Cooper; GNA; Grifka, Laura/Adams, Debbie; Hayward, Nancy, Henning/Insley, Cat & Bob; Jolley, Peggy; Kelly, Joa & Jessica; Logan, Darlie Clary; Marsters, Kate; Matulys, Joel & Kathy; McCay, Mick & Connie; McIntrye, Katie; Nielsen, Gelcys; Painter, Judi & Paul; Parent, Kirsten; Phillips, Bobby & Sheila; Raffray, Katherine & Olivier; Reiter, Beth; Reynolds, Colleen & Chris; Riggs, Jenni-Ellis; Riley, Jerry & Lu; Smalls, Willie & Marie; Trithart/Landon, Robert & Charlotte; Tucker, Kay; Von Fischer-Benzon, Harald & Donna; Weiner, Daniel & Kristin; Williams, Julia & Charles

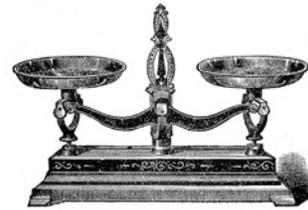
**And thanks to Jack Taylor  
for delivering the mums to  
their rightful homes!**

# Gordonston Crime Prevention

The uptick in crime in Savannah over the past few months has affected Gordonston and nearby neighborhoods. In order to help residents recognize crime and how to best report it, they have started a crime prevention committee that meets regularly.

From Colleen Greene:

*Please join us for our last neighborhood watch meeting of the year. December 3 at 7 p.m. at the cottage. We would also like to invite you to our first quarterly potluck neighborhood watch meeting at the cottage. Please bring a covered dish. We will start the meal at 6. At 6:30 there will be children's safety demonstration by Officer Thomas. All are welcome!*



**In all cases, neighbors are reminded to call 911 for any suspicious activity and allow law enforcement to handle the situation.**

## GNA Holiday Party

Saturday, December 13th at the cottage at 5:30 p.m.

GNA December monthly meeting will be at 5 p.m. to elect new GNA officers. For all other December GNA business, a Special Meeting will be held at 6:00PM on the 4th Monday.

There will be a visit from Santa Claus at 6p.m. until about 6:45 p.m. GNA will provide 20 pounds of smoked turkey from Barnes Catering and two large hams which we'll heat up in the cottage. Neighbors please bring rice, dressing, veggies, etc. of your choice. Soft drinks will be provided by the GNA. All other beverages are BYOB.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - Those willing to help with decorations, table/chair setup, and cleanup, please contact Tommy Daniels by December 1st. Call 912 944 0998 or email [gordonstonna@gmail.com](mailto:gordonstonna@gmail.com) with "Holiday Party" in the Subject Box.

All Gordonston residents are welcome to join us. The charge for Gordonston residents who are not GNA members and for guests of GNA members is \$5 per adult and \$5 per child age 10 and over. Pay upon entry - correct amount of cash please or checks payable to GNA. No charge for for GNA-member households.