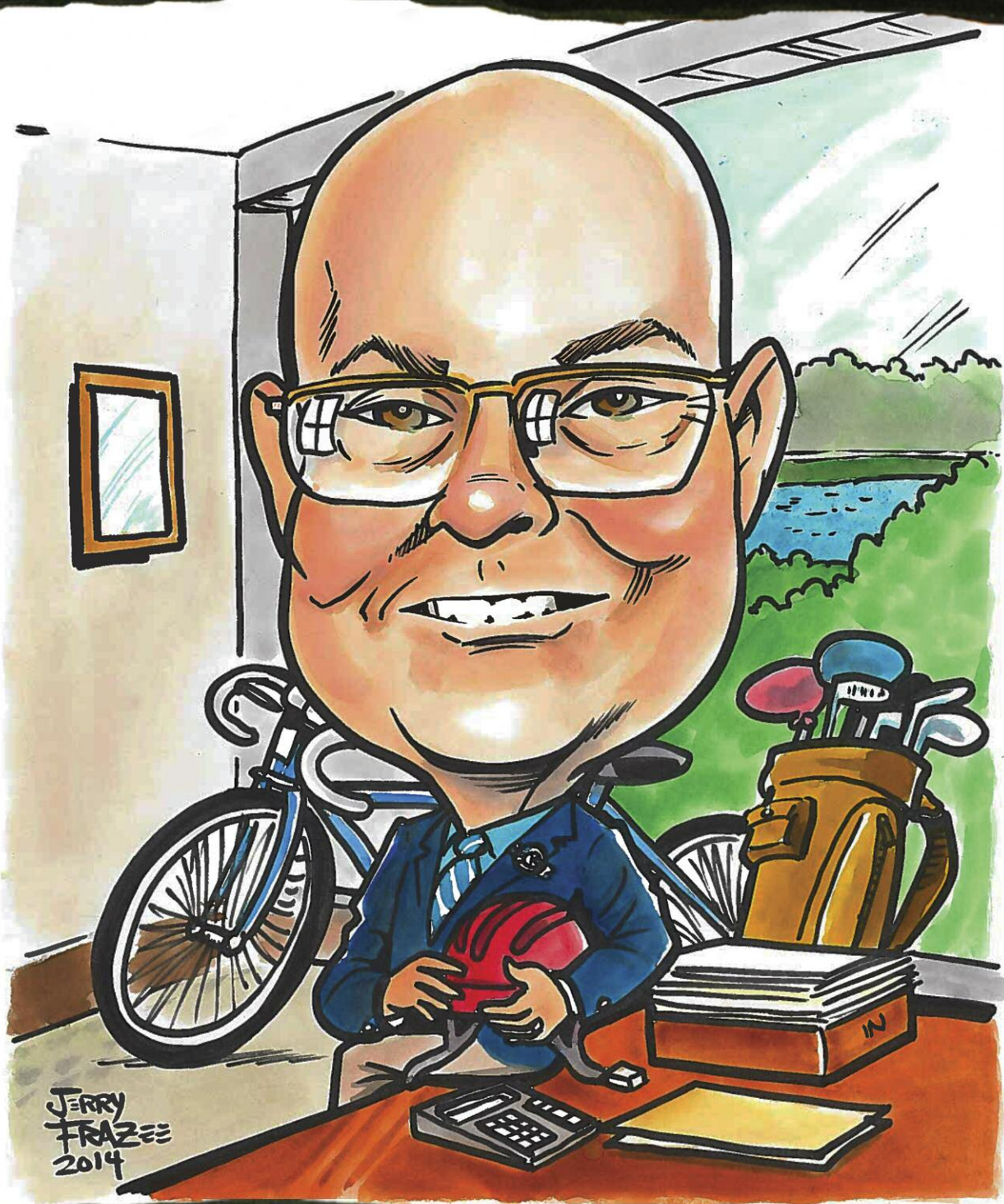


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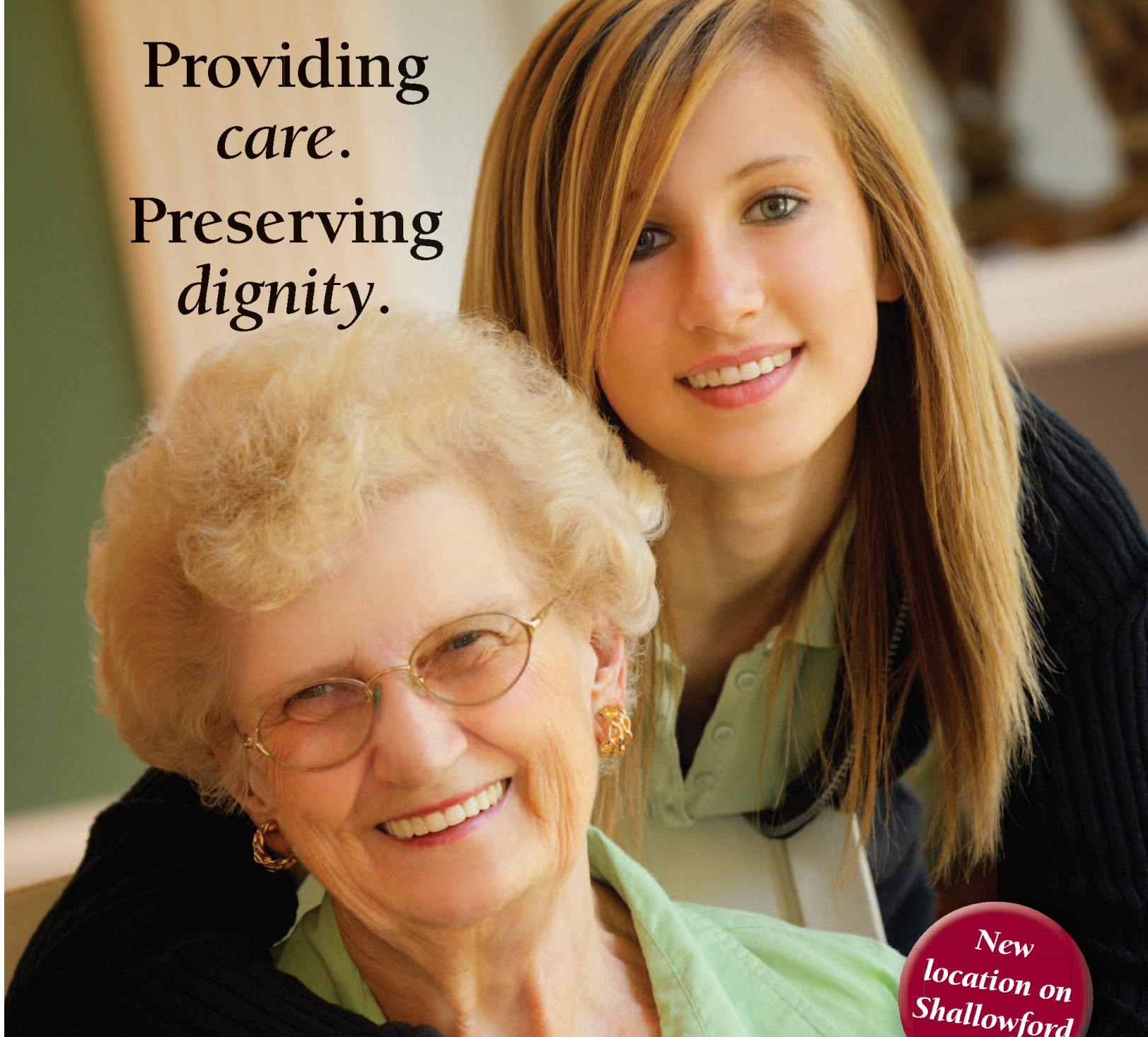
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THE PROGRAM

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Reception	
7:00 p.m.	Seating for Dinner	
	Welcome	Grady Williams, Event Chair
	Invocation	Reverend Paul McDaniel
	Color Guard	Tennessee Army National Guard
	Pledge of Allegiance	Jed Mescon
7:30 p.m.	Opening Toast	Keith Sanford, First Tennessee Greg Vital, Morning Pointe
7:35 p.m.	First in the Family	Dr. Jim Catanzaro
7:40 p.m.	Master of Ceremonies	Jed Mescon
	Roasters	John Germ Warren Logan Rhonda Catanzaro Claude Ramsey James Rogers
8:30 p.m.	Rebuttal	Leonard Fant
8:45 p.m.	Adjournment	Grady Williams

The Commemorative Glass at each place setting is to be taken home by the guests.

Proceeds of the event fund First in the Family Scholarships.

LEONARD FANT

Willis Leonard Fant was born to Mary Ellen and Silas Thomas Fant on November 8, 1933. The youngest of nine children, his early years were spent in a three-room house on a farm in Hope, Arkansas. His father was a sharecropper, and from as early as Leonard can remember, he knew how to work hard. Each day, he milked cows before he walked a mile to a one-room school; later he plowed fields and picked cotton.

When Leonard was sixteen he left the "fields of cotton" to move with his parents to Chattanooga to be closer to his older brothers and sisters who were working and attending the Seventh-Day Adventist School in Collegedale.

Leonard graduated from Red Bank High School where he played on the varsity basketball team and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2005. His first job in Tennessee was washing Greyhound buses in Knoxville where he became a UT Volunteer fan. His visit in 1951 with his older sister "Maggie" Messick, a Nurse at Campbell's Clinic, started his career in the medical field washing glassware in the Campbell's Clinic Lab.

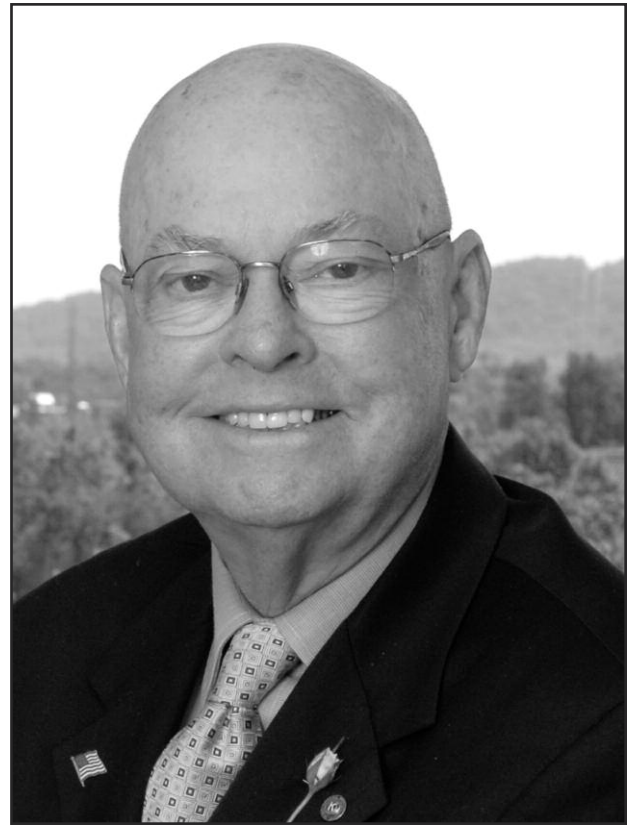
He graduated from the University of Chattanooga (today UTC) and earned his B.A. degree along with his medical technology degree from Erlanger School of Medical Technology. He went on to earn his Master's Degree in hospital administration from Georgia State University in Atlanta, all while continuing to work. For a time he was working at Erlanger in the mornings, Children's in the afternoons, and Tri-County at night.

While working as a technician at Tri-County, he met a lovely young lady by the name of Bobbie June Britton who was also a hospital employee. Some 14 months after their first date, they were married on March 25, 1956.

Leonard continued to wear many hats during the late '60s and early '70s. During this time, he served for nine years in the National Guard and was honorably discharged as a First Sergeant. He also served three terms as Mayor of Fort Oglethorpe, and assumed the duties of city judge trying approximately 8,000 cases.

He became Assistant Administrator of Erlanger and Children's Hospital as well as assuming leadership with the Alton Park Health Center. In the 1980s he accepted the position of C.E.O. of Hutcheson Medical Center. Then in the early '90s he was once again urged to take the helm of a fourth medical institution becoming the C.E.O. of North Park Hospital. Leonard, one of the original founders of Blood Assurance of Chattanooga in 1972, returned to them in 1997 as President and CEO. He retired from there in 2008 after 11 years.

Currently Chairman of the Northwest Georgia Bank Foundation Board of Directors, and the Chair of Hutcheson Health Foundation, Leonard continues to be an active volunteer leader in many organizations.



Leonard is always ready to take on a challenge. Be it business, fundraising, golf, or cycling, his enthusiasm is contagious. He is a tireless advocate for good causes and has a proven track record for success and integrity. He does it all with the urgency, competence and spirit of fun that are his trademarks.

For the past 64 years, Leonard Fant has called Chattanooga and North Georgia "home," and he has enriched the lives of this community and all who dwell within it. Leonard and his wife Bobbie have three children, Lynn Fant-Burke and husband Larry, Britt Fant and wife Ruth, and Drenda Fant Paulson and husband Mike. They have five grandchildren: Lindsay Paulson McDaniel and husband Travis, Matthew Paulson, Kelly Paulson; Garrett Fant and Colbie Fant.

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Famous for his bicycle fundraising skills, he has raised nearly \$100,000 with rides to benefit such charities as the MS Society and American Diabetes Association.

A Chattanooga State Foundation Board member since 2005, Leonard was Campaign Co-Chair of Chattanooga State's most recent health science capital campaign ending in 2008. Under his leadership, the campaign goal of \$3,000,000 was exceeded by more than \$700,000. More recently, Leonard served as ChattState's event Chair for the new mission-centered benefit "Dinner of Firsts" for its inaugural year in 2012 and again in 2013.

Leonard was among the original organizers of the Friends of the Park in 1986, when the group was founded to help plan the 100th anniversary of the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park.

Leonard has fifty-five plus years of service to the Kiwanis. He has been President of the Fort Oglethorpe, GA club twice, was Fort Oglethorpe's Kiwanian of the year in 1973, and received the Tablet of Honor award from the Kiwanis International Foundation. He also received the Distinguished Service Award of Kiwanis International in 1992 and 1993.

Leonard has served as Chairman of many organizations and events including: Urban League, American Lung Association, Tennessee Hospital Association, Heart Ball, March of Dimes Gala, Hutcheson Health Foundation Board, and Catoosa Performing Arts Foundation.



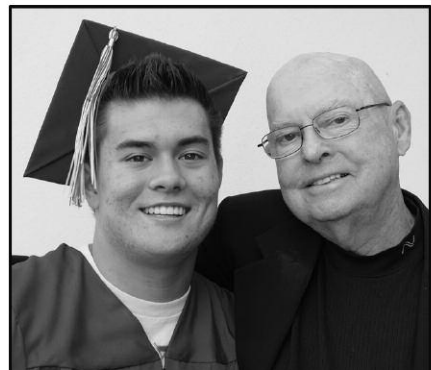
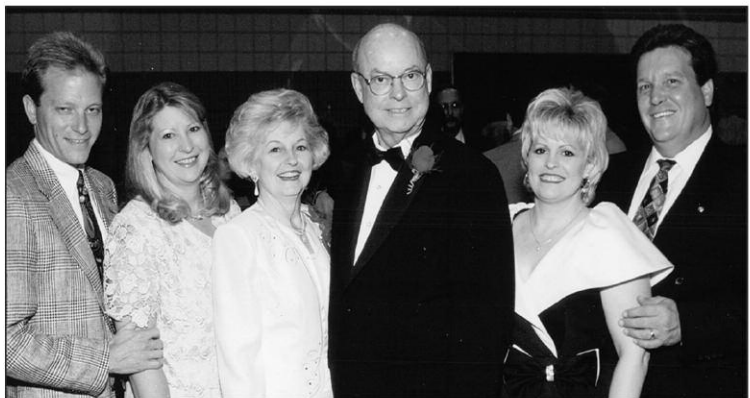
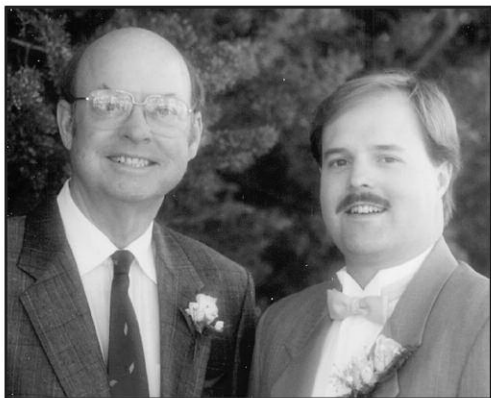
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by R. Lee Sharpe

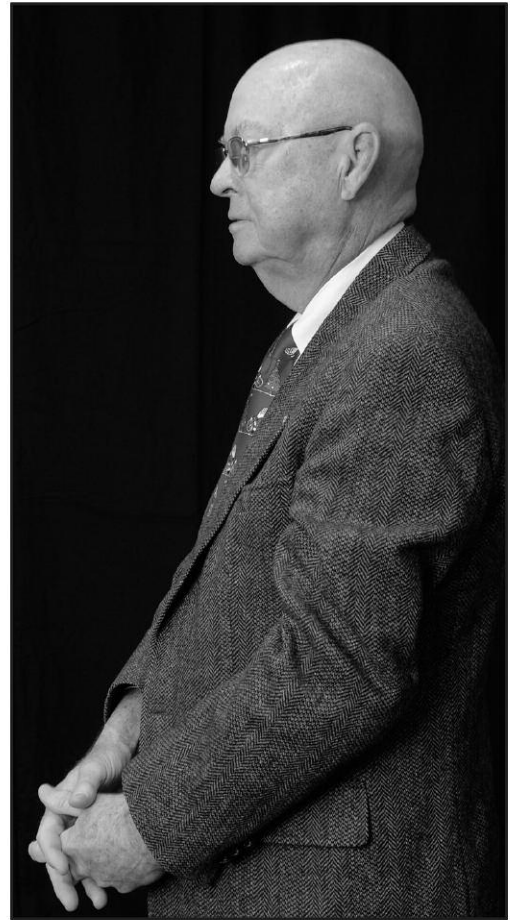
**Isn't it strange, that princes and kings,
and clowns that caper in sawdust rings,
and common-folk, like you and me,
are builders for eternity?**

**To each is given a bag of tools,
a shapeless mass and a Book of Rules;
and each must make 'ere time has flown,
a stumbling block, or a stepping stone.**


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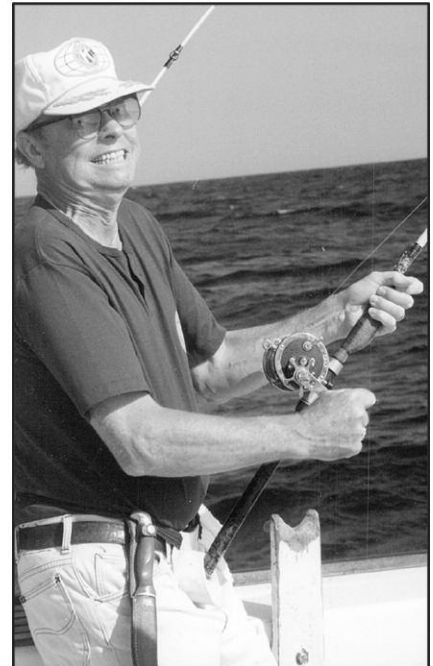
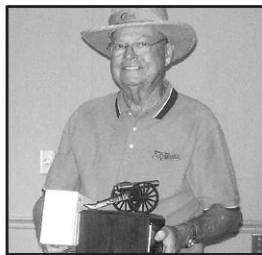


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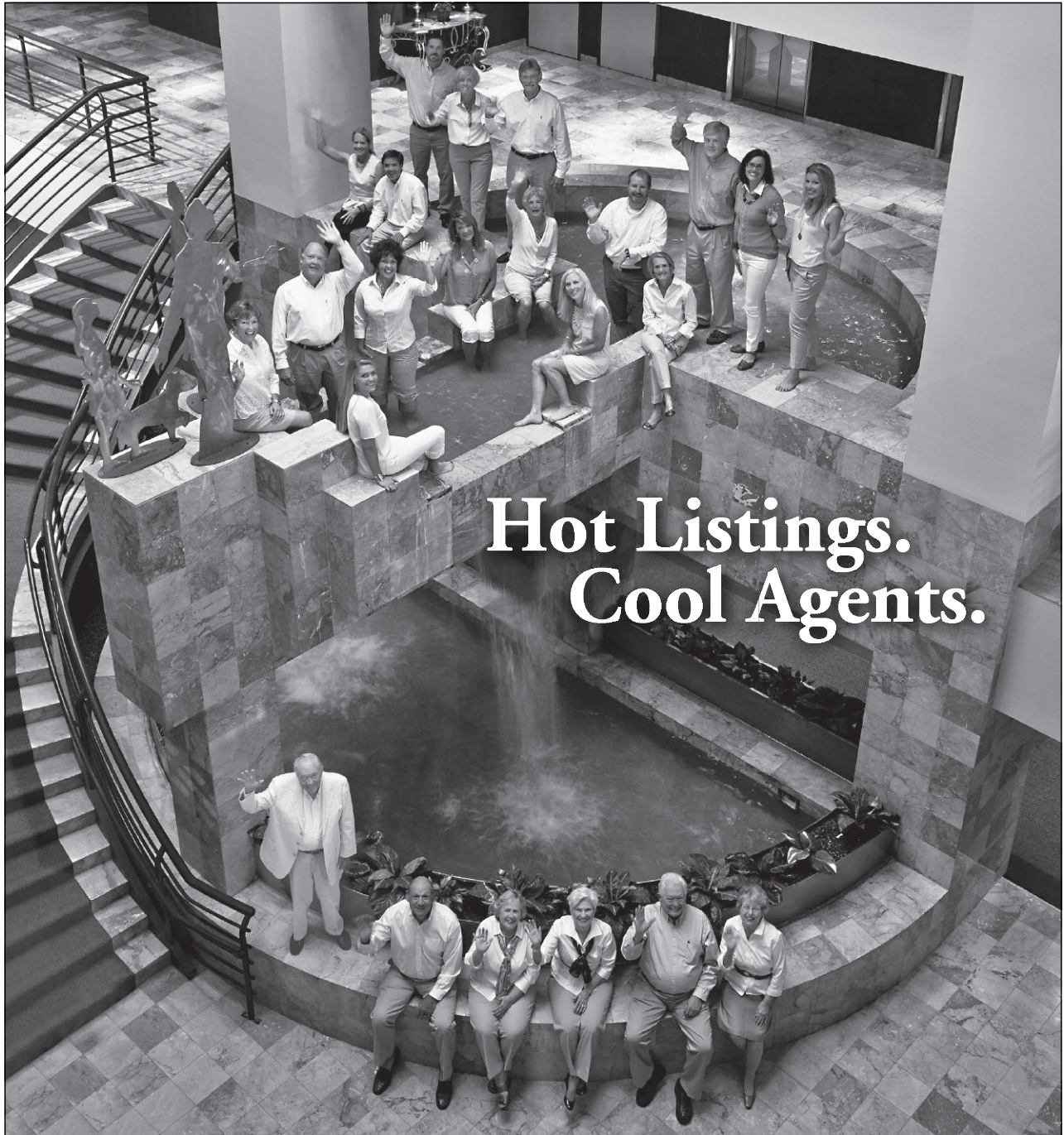


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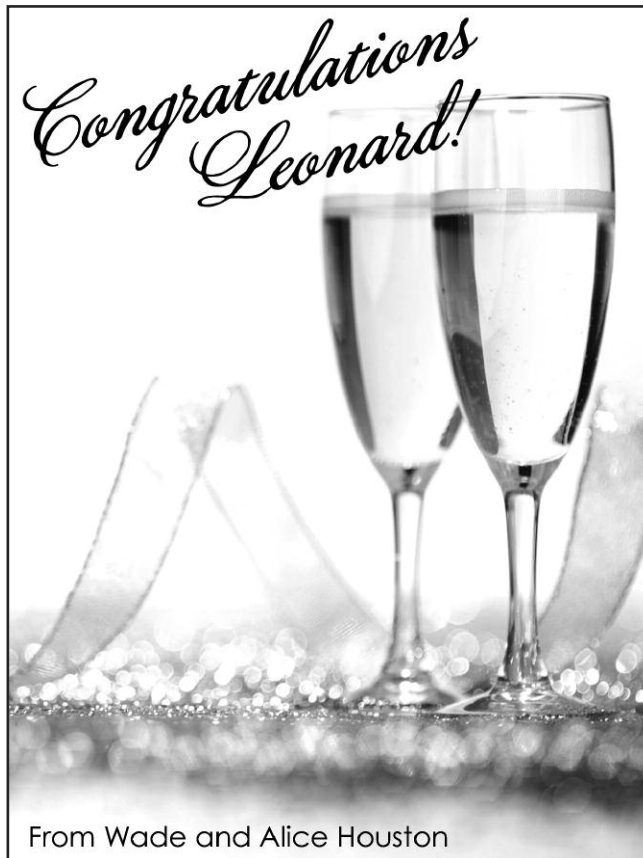
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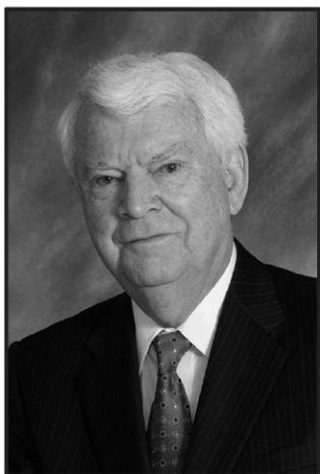
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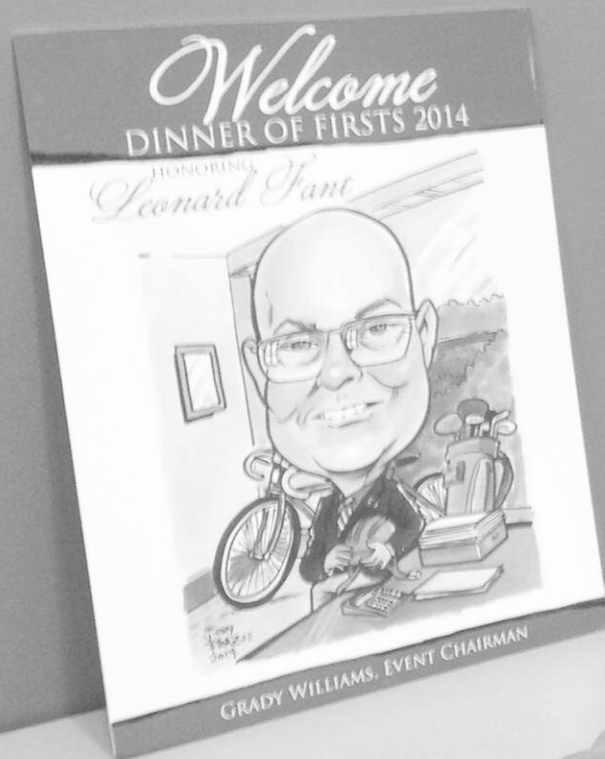
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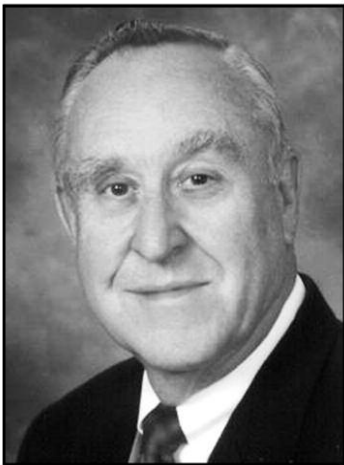
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Jed Mescon

Jed Mescon co-anchors Channel 3 Eyewitness News TODAY and participates as a co-host on 3 Plus you weekdays at 11:00 a.m. He also investigates area health inspection scores in the WRCB weekly Restaurant Report Card. You can see Jed's report every Friday on Live at Five. Jed was born in Atlanta. As a teenager, he had the chance to host a children's television show, which really sparked his interest in television. After graduating from Arizona State University, his television news career took him to Savannah, Charleston and Chattanooga. You can catch-up with Jed now on the weekly talk show he hosts on WGOW called "Chewing the Chatt". He also reports on news that gives viewers a real slice of the Tennessee Valley. Jed, his wife Phyllis, and daughter Caroline, live in Signal Mountain with lots of pets.

ROASTERS



John F. Germ

John F. Germ, a member of the Rotary Club of Chattanooga, Tennessee, USA, and chair of the International PolioPlus Committee, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2016-17. He will become the president-nominee as of October 1, 2016 if there are no challenging candidates.

In 1965, after four years in the U.S. Air Force, Germ, an engineer, joined Campbell and Associates Inc., an engineering consulting firm. He now serves as the company's board chair and chief executive officer.

He also serves on the boards of several organizations including the Public Education Foundation, Orange Grove Center Inc. and the Blood Assurance Inc. He is the founder and treasurer of the Chattanooga State Community College Foundation and is president of the Tennessee Jaycee Foundation.

In 1970, he was recognized as Tennessee Young Man of the Year, Engineer of the Year and Volunteer Fundraiser of the Year in 1992.

A Rotary member since 1976, Germ has served Rotary as vice president, director, Foundation trustee and vice chair, chair of Rotary's US \$200 Million Challenge, and RI president's aide. He is a recipient of Rotary's Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award. He and his wife, Judy, are members of the Arch Klumph Society.

ROASTERS



Warren E. Logan, Jr.

Warren E. Logan, Jr., is serving in his 18th year as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Urban League of Greater Chattanooga where they serve more than 10,000 persons on an annual basis. He has recently served as President, Association of Executives (AOE), National Urban League and a member of the NUL Board of Trustees and Executive Committee. In addition, Warren served as lead delegate to Beijing, China for NUL's African-American Leadership group in a relationship building and Trade/Cultural Economic Development Mission.

Prior to joining the Urban League, Warren served in various management and leadership positions at the TN Valley Authority's Division of Power. For several years, he served as Executive Director of the Office of Minority Business Enterprise, Statewide Business Development Centers. Warren is a graduate of TN State University and the Joseph Business School. In addition, he has completed the Duke University Center for Executive Leadership as well as, a host of leadership development and continuing education training.

A sampling of his community service activities include, Electric Power Board (Vice Chairman), SunTrust Bank Board (Chattanooga), State Workforce Development Board, Bright Board of Directors/River Gorge Capital Board (NMTC), and Memorial Health Care System Foundation Board. Warren and his wife, Linda have two adult daughters.



Rhonda Catanzaro

Rhonda Catanzaro is a well-known singer, actress and speaker. She has headlined conferences across the country and performed with the Winton Marsalis band at the International Sculpture Conference in New York City. Rhonda has delighted local audiences with her leading roles in *Peter Pan*, *Kiss Me, Kate*, *Little Mary Sunshine*, and many others. Rhonda is also widely known for her moving interpretation of sacred music, and is a frequent soloist in area churches as well as serving as Music Director and soloist for Methodist Women's conferences at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. Rhonda is a community volunteer and an adjunct instructor at Chattanooga State. Rhonda is married to Dr. Jim Catanzaro and is very proud of her family, especially her granddaughter, Sarah, a junior at Rhodes College, and, grandson, Trey, a senior at Baylor School. Rhonda is very happy to be sharing the stage this evening with such widely respected fellow Roasters, and our most esteemed Honoree, Leonard Fant.

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James Rogers

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James was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee and attended school at East Lake Elementary where he was chosen to represent his class in a talent show. For the first time, James Rogers met his public.

In 1958, the Rogers family moved across the state line to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, where James' mother still lives. His first guitar arrived on Christmas morning when James was 11. A graduate of Lakeview High School in 1967, he was chosen for many honors, including Most Popular and Most Handsome.

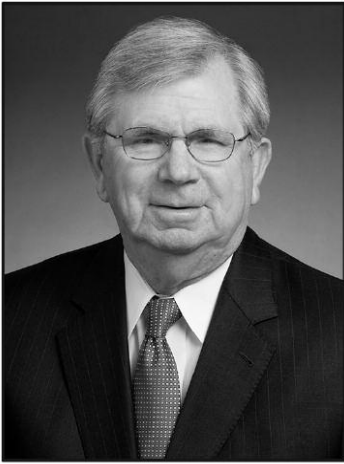
In 1969, after receiving his associate of arts degree from Dalton Junior College in Georgia, James entered the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga with his sights set on becoming a lawyer. He also joined the National Guard.

His singing career began in 1972 at the Light Fantastic on Brainerd Road, and he has sung for a living ever since. He began singing at The Station House at the Chattanooga Choo Choo in 1973 and from 1975-1983, Rogers toured the country opening for Alabama, Dolly Parton and Ricky Skaggs.

During his long tenure at the Station House, James met his wife, Debbie. In the summer of 1974, James received his BA from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. On December 22, 1974 James and Debbie were married in the Crystal Room of the Choo Choo. They now have two grown children, Heather and Justin.

In 1993, he partnered with Dollywood Company to open the Music Mansion where he was the featured entertainer through 1998. James Roger's song, "I Guard America" was adopted in 1999 as the official song of the National Guard.

In 2011, Rogers retired from performing regularly at Dollywood, and today enjoys performing at benefit concerts at various places around the country.



Claude Ramsey

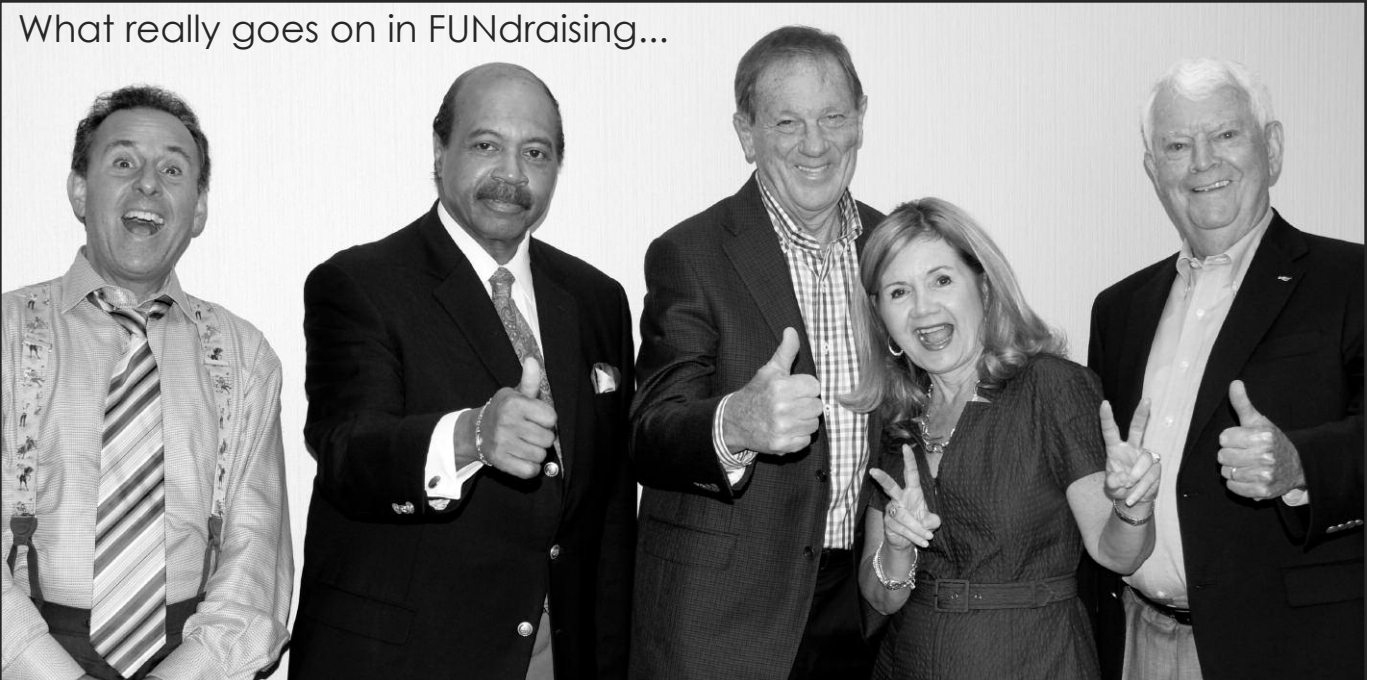
Former Hamilton County Mayor Claude Ramsey is a Hamilton County native who was a strawberry farmer when he first entered politics in 1972, serving two terms as a state representative. He was a County Commissioner briefly before being elected Assessor of Property, and served fourteen years in that office, before running for County Executive (now County Mayor) in 1994. Ramsey was elected to a fifth four-year term in August 2010 before he resigned to serve as a Chief of Staff and Deputy to Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam.

Claude Ramsey has served on the boards of numerous agencies, including the Orange Grove Center, Chattanooga Neighborhood Enterprises, the RiverCity Company, and United Way. He served on the Board of Trustees at Erlanger Health System and was Chairman of the Board of Associates at Chattanooga State Community College.

Throughout his career, Claude Ramsey has succeeded in his efforts through hard work and persistent pursuit of his goals. He was named "Chattanooga Area Manager of the Year" in 2003. The award is presented annually to an executive whose management skills have profoundly influenced the outstanding performance of a key element of American business, industry, government, or nonprofit activity. He was also named "Outstanding Legislator" by the Southern Health Associates.

His diligence in tackling issues that affect quality of life have become well known across the state. Initiatives such as Read 20, Step ONE, and Hamilton Shines made headway in addressing literacy, obesity, and public littering. He has played a key role in the creation of the Tennessee Riverpark, a facility considered by many as one of the nation's top greenway systems.

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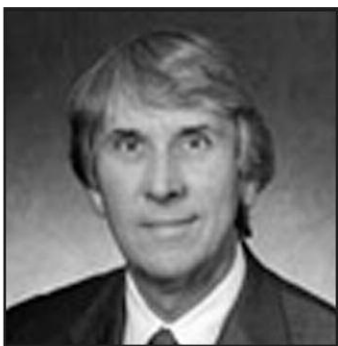


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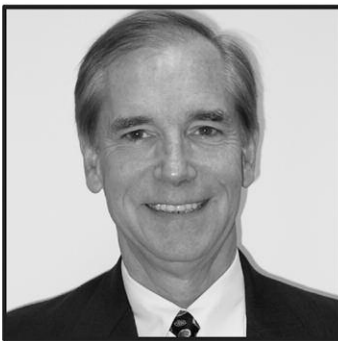
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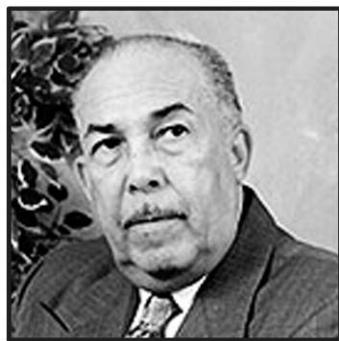
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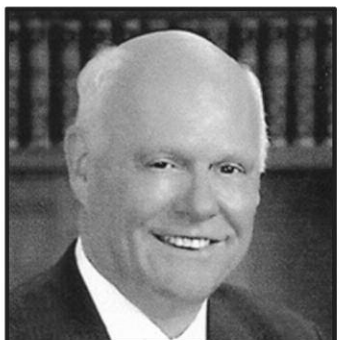
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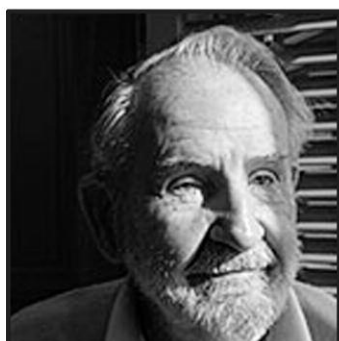
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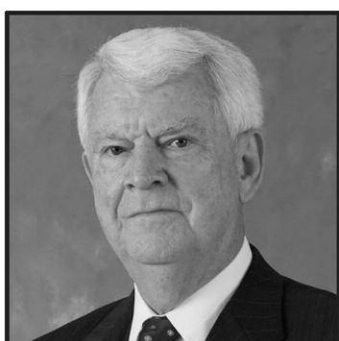
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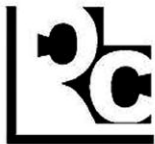
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- Wednesday Lunch Bunch

DINNER OF FIRSTS

WHAT IT IS ...

Chattanooga State's Dinner of Firsts is the signature fundraising event for the college. It is a time to celebrate those amazing firsts... The inaugural Dinner of Firsts was held in 2012 with a toast and roast honoring Dr. Jim Catanzaro, who was the first in his family to attend college. The tradition continued with Dinner of Firsts 2013 honoring Grady Williams. One of six children, Grady was the first in his family to go to college. The tradition continues now with Dinner of Firsts 2014 honoring the one and only Leonard Fant. The youngest of nine children, Leonard was the first in his family to finish college. With your support, we hope to continue this mission-driven celebration of "FIRSTS" for many years to come.

WHO IT BENEFITS ...

Proceeds from the Dinner of Firsts fund the Chattanooga State Foundation's First in the Family Scholarship. For the 2012 – 2013 school year, twelve deserving students received a First in the Family Scholarship. In 2013 – 2014 this more than doubled thanks to your generosity and 29 scholarships were awarded. Please help us continue this wonderful tradition by joining us each year at the Dinner of Firsts. Qualifying students for this annual scholarship must be first-generation college students attending school full-time.



DINNER OF FIRSTS 2014
HONORING
Leonard Fant

October 16, 2014

Dear Chattanooga State Foundation

I was beyond ecstatic when I learned that I was a recipient of the First in the Family Scholarship. I am writing to send my gratitude and appreciation for your unstinting, financial support towards the furthering of my education. This scholarship was a crucial component for me this semester. Prior to me being selected for this scholarship, I was, to be completely frank, overworked and underpaid. I knew that the upcoming semester was going to be difficult trying to balance a full-time job, being a full-time student, being a single mom, and trying to have somewhat of a social life. This scholarship, along with a few others, gave me the opportunity to rest much easier and find that balance, and for that I am beyond thankful.

I am a Mass Communications major who would ideally love to work in public relations for a non-profit organization. I am currently a sophomore and am on track to graduate from Chattanooga State no later than spring of 2016 (hopefully sooner). After graduating, I plan to transfer to a four-year university to obtain my bachelor's degree.

Again, I want to express my sincerest gratitude and appreciation for your financial support. I aim to keep my grades up and continue to do well in my classes.

By awarding me the First in the Family Scholarship, I am able to put my focus on what is important for me, education. Your financial openhandedness has put me one-step closer to my goal and has given me the gumption to assist others on and off campus.

Sincerely,
Lindsey Daniels



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of Leonard and Chattanooga State:

Tonight is, first and foremost, about supporting our students, especially those who are climbing out of challenging life situations to take advantage of exceptional career opportunities and live the American Dream.

Proceeds of our third annual Dinner of Firsts support our life-transforming efforts to assist these first generation students to raise their aspirations and attain a solid foundation for life. Today, more than four in ten Chattanooga State students are the first in their families to attend college. When we invest in them, we not only invest in one life, but in a family and in our community as well.

Our celebration of Leonard Fant this evening, led by our Foundation Board Director and last year's recipient Grady Williams and his wonderful committee, recognizes the many successes Leonard has had as an esteemed leader in our region's health care community, as an extraordinary volunteer, as an inspiring community leader, as an accomplished cyclist, and as the first in his family to attend college. Leonard is a true role model who demonstrates in his professional and civic life the remarkable accomplishments many of our students aspire to attain.

I thank you for your recognition of Leonard's achievements and for your support for the future community leaders among us. Celebrating Leonard as the 2014 Dinner of Firsts Honoree is a fitting tribute to his legacy and the future legacy of our first-in-their-families graduates. On behalf of the Chattanooga State Foundation where we are accelerating the impact of the ChattState experience through philanthropic support like yours, we are grateful for your generosity. From all our students, faculty and staff, we say **"Many Thanks."**

Sincerely,
Jim Catanzaro, Ph.D.



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