



A VIEW FROM FEW

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FOR WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dawn Partlow

Is it November yet? It sure does feel like it should be with all that we have to be thankful for this month. We have one more month to go until this hurricane season concludes come November. It is this very hurricane season that has influenced the Chapter's choice to support the Brevard Sharing Center during this year's Make a Difference Day project.

Mr. Kennedy, the KSC Center Director, has expressed his appreciation on behalf of KSC and our community for FEW's choice this year.

So come one, come all, this is the month to come together and help our community. In addition to our Make a Difference Day project we have the Coastal Cleanup that has been rescheduled later this month.

I would like to share with each of you an email I've seen many times. It talks of how GOD made women, "Women come in all shapes, sizes and colors. They'll drive, fly, walk, run or e-mail you to show how much they care about you. The heart of a woman is what makes the world keep turning. They bring joy, hope and love. They have compassion and ideals. They give moral support to their family and friends. Women have vital things to say and everything to give. HOWEVER, IF THERE IS ONE FLAW IN WOMEN, IT IS THAT THEY FORGET THEIR WORTH."

I want to remind you all that everyone of us is vital and each of us have our role, so don't forget how worthy you are to be here.



SUNSHINE
Vivian Andreasson

Celebrating birthdays in October:

Donna Bookamer	October 01
Patricia Leonard	October 02
Marlene Satterthwaite	October 05
Sandy Gates	October 07
Marie Argana	October 19
Carole McCline	October 28

Please wish Liz Wise a Happy Birthday – we missed her special day on September 20.



If you notice anyone missing please email Muzette Fiander at Muzette.B.Fiander@nasa.gov

ANNUAL TRAINING PROGRAM
Vickie Hall

The next Annual Training Program (ATP) Meeting will be held October 18th, from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., in Headquarters, Room 2635. We would like to have at least two people per Committee and right now we are still looking for some great talent to chair the Programs & Training and Logistics Committees.

Thanks to all of you who submitted suggestions for our theme. We will be selecting the theme at the next ATP meeting. So please, if you are interested in serving on a great team, contact either me at 867-9100, Vickie.C.Hall@nasa.gov or Barb Powell, 867-7384, Barbara.Y.Powell@nasa.gov or Sandy Eliason, 861-9309, Sandra.K.Eliason@nasa.gov.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH
Aneta Ott

National Breast Cancer Awareness

Breast cancer is the leading cancer among American women and is second only to lung cancer in cancer deaths. This year in the United States, 215,990 women and 1,450 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer and 40,110 women and 470 men will die from the disease. When breast cancer is found early (and confined to the breast) your chances for survival are the greatest.

There are many ways you can assist in raising funds for breast cancer research, some are listed below. To make things easy for you, Space Coast Chapter of Federally Employed Women is once again collecting the Pink Yoplait Lids during the months of October and November, 2004. So please send in your pink lids to one of the individuals listed below.

Masterfoods USA will sell specially packaged 8-ounce bags of pink and white M&M'S® Chocolate Candies. For each bag sold, Masterfoods USA will donate \$0.50 to the Komen Foundation, with a maximum contribution of \$650,000. The specially packaged pink and white M&M'S® will be sold September through November 2004 in local retail outlets nationally.

The Komen Foundation welcomes **Boston Market** to its list of Corporate Partners this October. During October, participating Boston Market restaurants throughout the nation will sell Boston Market® coupon books for \$1. Coupons can be redeemed until September 30, 2005. For every coupon book that is sold, Boston Market will donate \$1 with a minimum guarantee of \$100,000, to help support research and community outreach programs.

Yoplait – Save Lids to Save Lives® To increase support on behalf of the Komen Foundation's mission, Yoplait will continue its highly successful *Save Lids to Save Lives®* program throughout September and October of 2004. For each pink lid mailed in by consumers by year-end, Yoplait will donate \$0.10 to the Komen Foundation (up to \$1.2 million).

Breast Cancer Research Stamp The Breast Cancer Research semipostal was issued on July 29, 1998, at a first day ceremony held in the White House. It was the first semipostal in U.S.

history. To date, the stamp has raised more than \$39 million for breast cancer research. By law, 70 percent of the net amount raised is given to the National Institutes of Health and 30 percent is given to the Medical Research Program at the Department of Defense. Designed by Ethel Kessler of Bethesda, MD, the stamp features the phrases, "Fund the Fight" and "Find a Cure" and an illustration of a mythical "goddess of the hunt" by Whitney Sherman of Baltimore. You can purchase the stamp for \$0.45, that's just .08 cents more than a regular stamp but just look at the benefits if it helps find a cure for cancer.

FEW needs your assistance in collecting as many Yoplait lids as possible before the December 10th deadline. Please join us in the fight against breast cancer by dropping your Yoplait lids off to one of the following:

Headquarters Building: OP-MS/Karen Jansma, Rm 2488; OP-MS/Barb Powell, Rm 2451; IT-D1/Vickie Hall, Rm 2640F; SGS-164/Dawn Partlow, Rm 3169D; SA-G1/Jane Eitel, Rm 3549A; **O&C Building:** VA/Becky Fasulo, Rm 2038; **OSB Building:** SGS-347/Jane Drinkhouse-Demars, Rm 1405; PH-I/Sandy Shaheen, Rm 6403N; **SLSL (M6-1025):** UB-I-3/Betty Valentine, Rm 102-10

Or mail to:

FEW - Space Coast Chapter
P.O. Box 21201
Kennedy Space Center, FL 32815

POC: IT-D1/Vickie Hall/867-9100

Florida Coastal Cleanup 2004

Because of Hurricanes Charley, Frances, and now Jeanne, the Florida Coastal Cleanup sponsored by Keep Brevard Beautiful has been postponed until October 23rd. So far we have 19 volunteers from our FEW Chapter including their family members that have volunteered. This is not a strenuous job, it only requires some of your time and basically our job will be to hand out bags, and to monitor the sign up log sheets for the beach clean up volunteers and assist with the clean up if we so choose. We will be gathering at 8 am at Alan Shepard Park, Cocoa Beach, located at the end of SR 520 in Cocoa Beach and continue until 12. We

are signing up for two-hour shifts but if you want to stay the whole time you are welcome! If you have not volunteered as yet and want to participate, please let me know. I will need the time that you would like to participate and your shirt size. This year is going to be especially important with all the debris from the hurricanes. We have done this for many years and have found it to be very rewarding, this year it will be especially so. Hope to see you there!

You "Make a Difference Day"

This year we have again chosen the Central Brevard Sharing Center as our project for "Make a Difference Day". Hurricanes Charley, Frances and Jeanne have really taxed the available supplies of food and personal care items that the Sharing Center has available for distribution. Therefore, FEW, with the help of many others at Kennedy Space Center are striving to help "fill the pantry" at the Sharing Center so those less fortunate can get some needed assistance. Suggested items include canned soup; canned vegetables; canned meat; peanut butter; jelly; macaroni & cheese; packaged rice meals; toothpaste/brushes; shampoo & cream rinse; all kinds of soap; shaving cream & razors; and other personal care items such as diapers of all sizes, wipes, toilet paper, etc.

The following areas have collection boxes for your donations. Headquarters Building: Rooms 1114, 2145, 2321E, 2328, 2451, 2640, 2649, 2610B, 3169D, 3321, 3490 & 3549A, CCAFS: R&D, Room 121, Hangar I Annex (Bldg. 55150) Rm. 204, Press Site 1100, LCC 4P23, Building # K6-1547, 3710L, O&C Rooms 3117, 2137, 2038, 3055 OPF 2147Q, OSB: Area 1405; 2301Q, SSPF 3218A

The project started September 20th and will continue through October 22, 2004. If you would like to help by setting up a collection box in your area or have any questions please contact Aneta Ott, 867-8548 or email at Aneta.W.Ott@nasa.gov.

Please remember this is our busy time of year for Community Services, coming soon to you and yours Yoplait lids, Salvation Army Christmas

Stockings and the Baxley Manor angels...Bless you for all that you do to help with all these projects... We do "Make a Difference"!

Aneta received this email from the Center Director, James Kennedy: "What a beautiful expression of caring for the NASA Family (and others) with your Make a Difference Day. You are most appreciated at KSC and across the State.....Thanks."

The 10th Annual Teddy Bear Tea and Auction "Fall Fantasy" will be held November 13, 2004, at the Cocoa Civic Center, Cocoa, from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Any donations of hand crafted items to be sold at the "Tea" will be welcomed. Ideas are: afghans and quilts (baby and larger); needlework; ceramics (knick-knacks, figurines); holiday decorations (all holidays); handmade jewelry (bead necklaces, bracelets, pins, etc.); and handmade dolls, bears, etc.

All proceeds from the "Tea" help to support the Salvation Army Brevard County Domestic Violence Program. Bears "don't have a thing to wear", and if you are interested in dressing a bear, please contact Traci at 631-2766 ext. 24 or Cindy Gooden at 867-9170.

Remembering the Victims –

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 27 auxiliary president Connieann Kerns of Cape Canaveral and American Legion auxiliary president Jane Eitel of Cape Canaveral lay a wreath during the remembrance ceremony for 9/11 victims that was held in Cape Canaveral.

Taken from the Florida Today, dated Wednesday, September 22, 2004

FLORIDA HISTORY AND CULTURE



Submitted by Vickie Hall



Florida's Capitol has a rich history. In the early 1820s, legislators transferred government business from St. Augustine to Pensacola for alternating sessions. Travel was hazardous and took almost twenty days - clearly an unsatisfactory arrangement. As a result, Tallahassee was chosen as the capital of American Florida in 1824, primarily because it was the midway point between the two principal cities.

Three log cabins served as Florida's first Capitol. In 1826, a two-story masonry building, 40' X 26', was built. It was to be the wing of a larger structure planned for the future. Although this larger portion was started, it was never completed due to financial problems.

As Florida moved toward statehood, the needs of government grew. There arose a demand for a suitable state house or public building for the use of the Territorial Legislature. On March 3, 1839, Congress appropriated \$20,000 for the erection of a new Capitol. The old structure was razed immediately, and Florida's government temporarily moved into rented quarters.

The brick Capitol was completed in 1845, just prior to the installation of the new State government. This structure remains the core of the Old Capitol to the present day.

The capitol remained virtually unchanged during the Civil War years when Tallahassee was the only Confederate capital east of the Mississippi to avoid capture by Federal troops.

By the 1880s, Florida suffered growing pains caused by an economic boom and expanding population. By 1891 the Capitol needed thorough repair. The building was repainted, a small cupola was added, and plumbing was installed.

The first major alteration to the Capitol came in 1902 when the addition of two wings provided more room for the growing State government,

and the familiar dome was added. This was the last time Florida's government operated under one roof. By 1911 State government was moving to other buildings. Further additions to the Capitol were made in 1923, 1936, and 1947.



Florida's population continued to grow as did its need for government services. In 1972 the Legislature authorized money for a new Capitol Complex to include House and Senate chambers and offices, along with a twenty-two-story executive office building completed in 1977.

Restoration of the old Capitol became an issue in 1978 with the then Governor Reubin O'D. Askew and House Speaker Donald Tucker favoring outright demolition. Luckily, the old Capitol building was saved and refurbished, being reopened to the public in 1982. It now serves as the Department of State's Museum of Florida History covering events in Florida life and its state government.

Please visit <http://dhr.dos.state.fl.us/facts/reports/capitol/> to see a pictorial history of the state Capital.



GOVERNMENT NEWS & LEGISLATION

Marie Argana

Pay Raise

The House has approved a fiscal 2005 spending bill setting the January 2005 federal pay raise at 3.5 percent in the name of maintaining pay parity with uniformed military personnel. The Senate passage of a counterpart, a House-Senate conference and a Presidential signature as the last remaining needed steps.

It's unclear whether the Transportation-Treasury appropriations bill (S-2806 and HR-5025) will be passed as separate legislation or rolled into a catchall measure, however. The uncertainty on the budget process also has led to the possibility of a repeat of the experience of the last two

years, in which the legislation bearing the raise was put off until after the start of the new calendar year. That situation allows a lower raise to kick in by default, with the higher amount paid retroactively once action is completed.

Both versions of the spending bill would require that wage grade employees, who are under a separate locality system, get the same raise going to general schedule employees in a locality, and would require the Defense and Homeland Security departments, which are planning market-based and performance-based salary systems for their employees, give their workers the same raise going to other federal workers in 2005.

Health Insurance

However, eating up the 3.5 % raise will be the expected 7.9% average premium increase in 2005 for federal employees and retirees enrolled in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHB). Ironically, a 7.9% increase is good news for federal enrollees. This announcement diverges from a five-year trend of double-digit premium increases and runs counter to expectations that private-sector employees across the country will face higher premium increases.

FEHB enrollees who have self-only coverage will pay on average \$4.32 more biweekly, while those with family coverage will pay on average \$9.99 more.

Overtime

Recently, Federal law that governs overtime pay had perhaps its biggest overhaul in six decades – with advocates saying the change clarifies who is eligible for overtime and critics contending it will nullify added pay for extra hours on the job for 6 million workers. The new rules, enacted by the Department of Labor, change guidelines companies use to determine which workers are required to receive overtime for work beyond 40 hours a week, and which are not.

The Labor Department says the updated rules will mean that 1.3 million workers who are currently not entitled to overtime pay will now be eligible because workers earning up to \$23,660 a year will be covered, up from \$8,060 a year.

Under the new regulations, workers earning \$23,660 or less are guaranteed overtime – the largest increase in eligibility since the Fair Labor Standards Act was enacted in 1938. In addition, some workers earning \$100,000 or more would be automatically exempt from receiving overtime pay.

Workers who earn \$23,660 to \$100,000 fall into a controversial area. The Labor Department says those workers will gain stronger overtime rights and be better protected under the new rules. But critics say many of those workers will lose their right to overtime pay because their jobs are being reclassified as exempt from overtime protection.

Workers who are paid by the hour and those currently protected by collective bargaining agreements will not be affected.

A study by the Economic Policy Institute, a Washington think tank, estimates that at least 6 million workers will lose their right to claim overtime. Others may find themselves forced to work overtime because employers can now have them put in the extra hours without pay, labor leaders contend.

These changes in overtime rules that went into effect in August will not affect federal employees for at least a year, according to the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). OPM sets federal-workplace policies, but is required by Congress to adopt Labor's overtime rules for the federal work force.

A team of human resources specialists, compensation specialists, and attorneys has been created to determine how OPM should respond to the new regulations. Proposed regulations for the federal work force will not be issued until some time next year said an OPM official.

New Per Diem Rates

New per diem rates for federal travelers are effective Friday (October 1), creating specific rates in 21 new areas while dropping 17 cities into the standard rate applying to destinations where there are no specific rates. That standard

daily rate is rising by \$5, to \$91, reflecting an increase in the lodging component of from \$55 to \$60; the standard meals and incidental expenses portion is remaining unchanged at \$31. For cities with specific rates, the "M&IE" portion will continue to range from \$35 to \$51. Rates in most cities either stayed the same or increased by a few dollars, although in several cities, including Los Angeles, Chicago and Washington, D.C., they are dropping slightly.

Federal Workers Make Positive Impression

Most Americans view the federal government positively, but there still are some enduring stereotypes that must be dispelled, according to a study released by the Partnership for Public Service.

Despite long-standing negative stereotypes about government work, the research shows that Americans have a favorable impression of the federal government. More than 62% of the American people we surveyed view the federal government favorably, and 91% say that the jobs and duties of federal government workers are important in their lives.

The report also found that interest in federal employment is nonpartisan. Respondents from all points on the political spectrum indicated a fairly high level of interest. The largest roadblock for prospective employees, however, is the perception that the government is mired in red tape. When asked their opinion of federal government workers, 71% of respondents had favorable impressions but when asked about federal government bureaucrats that number plummeted to 20%. Among college seniors and recent college graduates surveyed, a majority – 65% - express interest in working for the federal government.

Ending TSP Open Seasons Would Boost Investments

The Congressional Budget Office has reported that ending the twice-yearly open seasons in the Thrift Savings Plan would encourage more federal employees to invest more money and earlier. Those under the FERS system would also get the benefit of earlier government contributions. The CBO made these observations in the context of a cost estimate on a bill (HR-

4324) awaiting a House vote that would abolish the open seasons, which currently are the only times that employees can either join the TSP or change their ongoing investment amounts. The Senate has passed a similar bill (S-2479). As with the Senate bill, the CBO estimated that the change would decrease tax revenues by some \$23 million over 10 years while increasing government outlays for matching funds by an additional \$30 million in that time.

TSP Funds Grow Slightly

The Thrift Savings Plan's funds stayed even or slightly gained value in August, according to figures released by the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board. During August, the C and I funds regained some ground while the S Fund stayed even. All three have increased their value during the past year by at least 11%. The I Fund has grown by almost 23% over the past 12 months.

Investors in the TSP can invest in five funds. The Thrift Plan has more than 3.2 million participants and \$135 billion in assets.

Important Dates for Federal Workers

Oct. 15 – Dec. 31: The next, and maybe the last, regular open season for the federal Thrift Savings Plan. It is the time to sign up for the 401(k) plan and change your contribution rates. Next year, the TSP may go to an every-day-is-open-season system.

November 8 – December 13: The annual open season for the Federal Employees Health Benefits plan. This is the time to pick your 2005 health plan (based on premium and benefit changes). If you fail to act, then you will remain in your current plan that could be raising premiums and cutting benefits, or dropping your favorite doctors.

***From the desk of FEW National President,
Patricia Wolfe***

August 16, 2004

FEW Space Coast Chapter
PO Box 21201

Kennedy Space Center, FL 32815

Dear Space Coast Chapter:

I am writing to let you know about the significant contributions Karin Biega has made to the Federal community by serving as Bylaws and Resolutions Chair for Federally Employed Women (FEW).

For more than 36 years, as you know, FEW has been working to end sex discrimination in the Federal workplace and to enhance opportunities for the advancement of women in Government. FEW is a non-partisan, non-profit, grassroots membership organization with more than 100 chapters nationwide with its focus on training, diversity, EEO/Discrimination, and legislative issues impacting all Federal employees.

Karin took over the duties of Bylaws and Resolutions Committee Chair at a critical time – when the incumbent resigned during the middle of an extensive revision to FEW's bylaws. Karin never missed a beat. She immediately completed the required documentation and flawlessly managed the entire mailing, vote count, and reporting process. Additionally, Karin used her strong analytical skills to review and assess sensitive issues and provided advice and assistance to the appropriate people.

All of this has been accomplished as a volunteer, and while Karin is no longer employed in Federal service, she never fails to give credit to you, her local FEW Chapter, for always being available to support her in whatever tasks she is given by the National FEW organization. Your support – emotional, financial, and physical – are always mentioned whenever Karin is congratulated for work done. And her proven track record of timeliness, tenacity in completing a project even when facing obstacles, dependability, and outstanding leadership further reflects on the support she get from you. I thank you for this and ask for your continued support to Karin.

/s/
Patricia M. Wolfe
President

NOTE: both Becky Fasulo and Clara Anderson's employers received similar letters)

Your Health
Submitted by Vickie Hall

Fueling a Healthy Brain –

Do you ever find yourself in the middle of a thought and suddenly it's gone? Or maybe in

the middle of the afternoon your mind begins to wander? Your brain may be trying to tell you something.

Your brain needs fuel just like the rest of your body. Since the brain cannot store glucose, it needs a continuous source of fuel from foods. Start with a nutritious breakfast and continue with healthy meals and snacks throughout the day.

Foods like blueberries, strawberries, prunes and fatty fish show a positive benefit to short-term memory.

Try to consume more of these foods by mixing fruit in cereal, yogurt or pancake batter and by consuming fatty fish two times a week. *Produced by ADA's Public Relations Team.*
www.eatright.org/Public/NutritionInformation

SAVE A LIFE

Submitted by Karin Biega

This might be a lifesaver if we can remember the three questions!

Is It a Stroke?

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke. Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

*Ask the individual to smile.

*Ask him or her to raise both arms.

*Ask the person to speak a simple sentence.

If he or she has trouble with any of these tasks, call 9-1-1 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher. After discovering that a group of non-medical volunteers could identify facial weakness, arm weakness and speech problems, researchers urged the general public to learn the three questions. They presented their conclusions at the American

Stroke Association's annual meeting last February. Widespread use of this test could result in prompt diagnosis and treatment of the stroke and prevent brain damage.

Heart Attack Self-Help

Read this ... it could save your life!! Let's say it's 6:15 p.m. and you're driving home (alone, of course) after an unusually hard day on the job. You're really tired, upset and frustrated. Suddenly you start experiencing severe pain in your chest that starts to radiate out into your arm and up into your jaw. You are only about five miles from the hospital nearest your home. Unfortunately, you don't know if you'll be able to make it that far. You have been trained in CPR, but the guy that taught the course did not tell you how to perform it on yourself.

How to Survive a Heart Attack When Alone

Since many people are alone when they suffer a heart attack, without help, the person whose heart is beating improperly and who begins to feel faint, has only about 10 seconds left before losing consciousness. However, these victims can help themselves by coughing repeatedly and very vigorously. A deep breath should be taken before each cough, and the cough must be deep and prolonged, as when producing sputum from deep inside the chest. A breath and a cough must be repeated about every two seconds without let-up until help arrives, or until the heart is felt to be beating normally again. Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and coughing movements squeeze the heart and keep the blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on the heart also helps it regain normal rhythm. In this way, heart attack victims can get to a hospital. Tell as many people as possible about this. It could save their lives!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

Breast Cancer Awareness Month
National Disability Awareness Month

- 11 Columbus Day Observance
- 19 Chapter Program & Business Meeting
Porkey's, 4380 Washington Avenue
(Old Fat Boy's), Titusville – 5:00pm
- 23 National Make A Difference Day
- 23 FEW Florida Coastal Cleanup – Shepard
Park, Cocoa Beach – 8:00am - Noon

November

Native American Heritage Month

- 2 Election Day
- 10 1st Chapter Quarterly Report due to
Regional
- 10 Input to SE Region Quarterly Newsletter
Due
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 25 Thanksgiving Day

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 2!!!

Sandy Eliason suggested checking out the following website for helpful information:

www.votesmartflorida.org/voterguide.asp

COCOA VILLAGE PLAYHOUSE

Here's Love...Miracle on 34th Street

Nov 14 – Dec 5

Brigadoon

Feb 6 – Feb 22

Anything Goes

Apr 23 – May 9

ENGLISH LOGIC

Submitted by Arden Belt

Okay, I've decided to give up on English. This is why:

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.

- 2) The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- 4) We must polish the Polish furniture.
- 5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- 6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- 7) Since there's no time like the present, it's time to present the present.
- 8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- 9) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- 10) I did not object to the object.
- 11) The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- 12) There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
- 13) They were too close to the door to close it.
- 14) The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- 15) A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
- 16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
- 17) The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
- 18) After a number of injections my jaw got number.
- 19) Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
- 20) I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
- 21) How can I intimate this to my most intimate

friend?

Let's face it: English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple.

English muffins weren't invented in England or french fries in France.

Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat.

We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham? If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth, beeth? One goose; 2 geese. So one moose; 2 meese? One index; 2 indices? Isn't it crazy that you can make amends but not one amend.

If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it? If teachers taught, why don't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?

Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital, ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell?

How about this? You park in the driveway and drive on the parkway? How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites?

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which, an alarm goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all.

That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible; but when the lights are out, they are invisible.

PS: Why doesn't "Buick" rhyme with quick"?

SPACE COAST CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

Muzette Fiander

This monthly publication is a means of sharing information and ideas. Please send news articles or items of interest for this Newsletter to Muzette Fiander, TA-E1, or e-mail at Muzette.B.Fiander@nasa.gov Please feel free to share this Newsletter with your friends. And for anyone interested, a Membership Application is attached as the last page.

Thoughts to Ponder

Submitted by Vickie Hall

Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.

Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.

The act of giving is more important than the merit of the receiver.

The early worm gets eaten by the bird, so sleep late.

If you put your nose to the grindstone, you'll get a flat face.

Accept that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue.

