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## Thieme Pursues Many Interests in Retirement

**R**omona Thieme sometimes shakes her head in wonder at how her smart phone represents how things have changed since she worked for Extension.

Today's Extension agents use smart phones to connect with the office or clients, in contrast to the past, as information is moved more rapidly than ever before.

An Arkansas State University graduate, Thieme started at Extension in 1974 as a clerk stenographer in her hometown, Jonesboro. After two years, she decided to study home economics at the University of Arkansas. She earned a master's degree from Mississippi University for Women. She then came back to Extension as a 4-H agent in Mississippi County.

Next, she was a county agent in the EFNEP program in Osceola, then Blytheville in 1998, retiring in June 2011 after a 30-year career as a county agent.

When she left Extension, Thieme's husband, a teacher, had already retired. They set out to see new lands together, traveling to the Caribbean and the Panama Canal.

They love to antique and made new finds on a trip to the Gulf Coast recently. Thieme likes to find unique buttons, and her husband enjoys Depression-era glass.

They are both big readers, so that's an enjoyable pastime. Another joint venture has been gardening. Since retiring, Thieme and her husband have tended two very large gardens. They also



**Romona Thieme**

enjoy canning and preserving their home-grown veggies.

Overall, Thieme is enjoying her retirement and now marvels that she had time to get it all done when she was working full time.

"There's always something to do!" she said.

To reconnect with Romona Thieme, contact her at (870) 561-3603, P.O. Box 826, Manila, Ark. 72442-0826.

– Shannon Magsam

## Pearl Ray, Retired Shipping and Receiving Clerk, Dies

Allie Pearl Ray, 81, of Little Rock, died Jan. 27.

Ray worked for the Extension Service from 1980 when she was hired as a clerk-typist until she retired in 1994 from her

position as shipping and receiving clerk.

She is survived by her brother, Bud Gotherman of Hot Springs; sister, Alice Mason of Bismarck; daughters, Linda Holmes of

Alexander and Janie Diggs of Little Rock; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Jan. 29 at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Saline County.

– Laura Goforth

## Hornsby Recalls Productive Years With Extension

Since retiring from Extension in June 2009, Quinton Hornsby has kept busy.

He and his wife, Paula, took a cruise to Alaska. Still on Hornsby's to-do list is restoring a 1940 John Deere B model tractor that he owns.

Hornsby and his wife, who is also retired, have been cleaning up his old 20-acre home place in DeQueen.

Hornsby enjoys hunting, fishing and camping. He's also a grandfather to four – with his youngest daughter, Shea Wilson, due in April with number five.

Hornsby, a father of three, calls Shea his “legacy child” since she also works in Extension as an FCS agent. In fact, she's working in the very place where her dad got his start – Prairie County.

Hornsby started with Extension as a county agent in Prairie County. He had managed the dairy farm at the University of Arkansas from 1972 to 1977 while earning his master's degree and serving with the National Guard.

He continued as a county agent in Clay County and transferred to Wynne in 1980 and was promoted to staff chair. He then moved to Lonoke before being promoted to district director, Ouachita District, in 2000 and then the Delta District, retiring in 2009.



**Quinton and Paula Hornsby**

“Extension was good to me,” he said. “I loved helping people solve problems.”

Hornsby recalled a few highlights, including being involved in the infancy of the irrigation scheduling program while in Wynne. While in Clay County, he enjoyed experimenting with sulfur-coated urea, which helped save some farmers time and money.

Mostly, Hornsby spent his career working with row crops, including rice, soybeans and wheat.

His expertise comes in handy in retirement when he helps his son farm in Brinkley and occasionally his son-in-law's farm as well.

To reconnect with Quinton Hornsby, contact him at (501) 676-5145, 10 Sunset Loop, Lonoke, Ark. 72086-3616.

– Shannon Magsam

## Honorary and Memorial Gifts

The following honorary and memorial gifts were received to support the professional development opportunities for faculty and staff of the Cooperative Extension Service. This list covers honorary and memorial gifts recorded Jan. 1-31, 2014.

### ■ Cooperative Extension Service Retiree Scholarship

*In memory of LaVerne Feaster Portia Short*

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## March Birthdays

Peter Faison, March 1	Kent Rorie, March 14
Cordy Ramer, Jr., March 1	Sue SeEVERS, March 14
Lynn Whitlock, March 1	Dorene Wills, March 16
Carolyn Hester, March 2	Doris Markle, March 17
Earlene Larry, March 2	Nina Boston, March 19
Janet Hill, March 3	Larry Pitman, March 19
Glenda McLaughlin Rushing, March 5	Danny Walker, March 21
Danny McCarter, March 8	Charlie Parsons, March 23
Ann Brown, March 9	John Robinson, March 24
Ethelyn McKinney, March 9	Reathel Hicks, March 25
Alene Bates, March 10	Helen Morris, March 26
Bobbie Floyd, March 10	Thomas Moody, March 27
Bonita Mueller, March 10	Debbie Henry, March 28
Dorothy Rodgers, March 12	Patsy Hall, March 29
John Baker, Jr., March 13	Eddie Hubbell, March 29
Danny Allen, March 14	Karen Fite, March 31

## From the Editorial Board

We need your help. The vacancies on the Extension Cord Editorial Board left by the death of J. W. Lehman and the resignation of Fann Woodward need to be filled.

If you are interested or know of someone else who might be, please let us know. The Board meets the first Wednesday of each month, lunch provided.

Mark your calendars for the 2014 Galaxy Conference, March 19-21 at the Winthrop Rockefeller Institute on Petit Jean Mountain.

This year's retiree luncheon will be Thursday, March 20, at 11:30 a.m. You will have the opportunity to enjoy a delicious meal, reconnect with other retirees and meet the 2014 winners of the Extension Retiree Scholarship.

The luncheon meal is free of charge for you and your spouse, courtesy of Dr. Tony Windham. We need some information from you, so please fill out the information form below and mail it to us if you plan to attend the luncheon.

The Galaxy Conference web site is <http://intranet.uaex.edu/galaxy/>. For a description of conference sessions and activities, click on Session Description. If you wish to attend other portions of the Galaxy Conference, select Conference Registration Online to register. If you wish to participate in the culinary classes, select Culinary Classes Registration Online to register.

Attending the conference is free to retirees, but retirees have to pay for meals other than the retiree luncheon, and there is a cost for the two culinary classes.

Please consider attending the retiree luncheon and the entire Galaxy Conference.

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## 2014 RETIREE LUNCHEON REGISTRATION



Fill out the registration form if you/your spouse will be attending the retiree luncheon on March 20 at the Galaxy Conference. **Registration must be returned by Friday, March 7, 2014.** The luncheon will be provided **free of charge** to retirees and spouses, but it will be necessary to register on the form below.

You can also register for other portions of the Galaxy Conference online by going to this web site, <http://intranet.uaex.edu/galaxy/>, and completing the registration process. If you have questions about registration, contact Laura Goforth at 501-671-2113.

I would like to attend the retiree luncheon.                       My spouse would like to attend the retiree luncheon.

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CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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