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TODAY: Ellen Potts –

Tuscaloosa Habitat for Humanity

-Barry Burns, September Program Chair

9/25/14

Ellen Woodward Potts volunteered with Habitat for Humanity of Tuscaloosa from 1997 - 2013 on the Family Selection Committee, as board member and as board secretary. She resigned from the board in March 2013 to take the position as Executive Director. Ellen has a B.A. in Finance from Birmingham-Southern College and an M.B.A. from the University of South Alabama. For several years she taught courses about non-profit organizations as an adjunct at The University of Alabama in Human Environmental Sciences and the Honors College. Currently, she teaches a Habitat Preceptorship class through the Honors College, which gives students experience in a variety of fields and examines the complex issues of poverty housing in our community. Ellen is a member of First Presbyterian Church, where she has served as an elder, deacon, choir member, and Sunday School teacher. She is married to Dr. Daniel Potts, and they have two daughters, Julie (a freshman at Birmingham-Southern College) and Maria (a freshman at Northridge High School).

"What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead." -Nelson Mandela

It has been quite a year for the Glaus Family! In

April of last year, Henry and Nan bought 10 acres of Lob Lolly timberland on Jackson Trace Road not far from Highway 171 in Coker. While the house was being constructed, Nan worked every day clearing overgrowth and debris from the 4/27/11 morning tornados. The house was completed in April, and Henry and Nan moved in within a week. They loved this location so much that they also bought the 10 acres next to them, bringing their total acreage to about 21 acres. The neighbors have been very friendly and helpful and the Glaus family is already getting involved in the community with the volunteer fire dept. fish fry fundraisers and neighborhood events. Chris Liberto is the builder, chosen because he is among the few local custom home builders that believes in poured reinforced concrete walls, sprayed-in foam insulation, energy efficiency, and works on-site with his contractors almost every day. This home also has a tankless water heater, propane generator back-up, and a home fire sprinkler system, personally approved by our own Chief AJ. Nan now has a 12' by 12' safe room in the basement, Henry has his dream workshop, and Nan has her dream fiber studio upstairs, which they call "The Eagle's Nest." The home has a very open floor



The house includes a music studio for Nan and Henry enjoys cooking in his European style kitchen with a separate walk-in pantry nearby.

plan, with the kitchen sharing the two-story dining space and spacious family room, which will be great for entertaining. Elizabeth Alter, the architect, suggested a mud room that leads to the garage and also connects the laundry room and guest bath to the main living areas. There is a lot of wildlife on the land, and they see new deer tracks almost daily along with turkey, and of course, lots of lizards and snakes. Nan says she heard whippoorwills every night in the summer, and now has been feeding plenty of cardinals and hummingbirds. She has

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Sam Gambrell, Jr.
Betsy Jarnigan

15-Sep
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Remember Brutus, the first canine recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, whose story was sent by Tennis? He freed his handler and four other soldiers captured and held prisoner by insurgents in Iraq. The dog, not Tennis. Here is more of his story:

If you want to love a baby, first FIND one!



Get a good hold on it...they wiggle!



Pose for the pictures. That's right, smile!



As one's fortunes are reduced, one's spirit must expand to fill the void. -Winston Churchill

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Nan Glaus (from page 1)

seen an occasional pheasant and armadillo passing through by the creek. Her son Daniel enjoys seeing minnows in the creek but is very careful to watch out for rattlesnakes and water moccasins. While many

women might prefer diamonds and luxurious vacations, Nan's biggest wishes now are to get a tractor and a four wheeler, and, of course, Henry's wish is to get a pole barn to store those in! Next spring, they hope to start a garden.